



## 2023 School Calendar Bills

### *Statewide Bills*

- [HB 62: An Act to do School Calendars Better](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Terence Everitt, D-Wake)
  - Gives local school boards authority to determine school year opening and closing dates
- [HB 86: School Calendar Flex/Statewide](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Neal Jackson, R-Moore; Brian Biggs, R-Randolph; Sarah Stevens, R-Surry; Donnie Loftis, R-Gaston)
  - Allows local school boards to open schools as early as the Monday closest to August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester

### *Local Bills*

- [HB 45: Address Pandemic Learning Loss/Alamance County](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Dennis Riddell, R-Alamance; Stephen Ross, R-Alamance)
  - Temporarily allows the Alamance-Burlington Board of Education to adjust the school calendar to address pandemic learning loss
- [HB 51: School Calendar Flex/Multiple Counties](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Neal Jackson, R-Moore; Brian Biggs, R-Randolph; Sarah Stevens, R-Surry; Donnie Loftis, R-Gaston)
  - Allows the Asheboro City, Elkin City, Gaston County, Moore County, Mount Airy City, Randolph County, and Surry County boards of education to have local control over the school calendar
- [HB 70: School Calendar Flexibility/Halifax](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Michael Wray, D-Northampton)
  - Allows the Halifax County Board of Education to open schools as early as the Monday closest to August 10
- [HB 106: School Calendar Flexibility/Various LEAs](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Donny Lambeth, R-Forsyth; Kyle Hall, R-Stokes; Jeff Zenger, R-Forsyth)
  - Allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Davidson County, Guilford County, Jackson County, Lexington City, Stokes County, Swain County, Thomasville City, Transylvania County, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 11 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester

- [HB 111: School Calendar Flexibility/Durham and Person](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Ray Jeffers, D-Person)
  - Allows Durham County and Person County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [HB 115: School Calendar Flexibility](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Mitchell Setzer, R-Catawba)
  - Allows the Anson County, Burke County, Catawba County, Cleveland County, Cumberland County, Davie County, Hickory City, Newton-Conover City, Rutherford County, Wake County, and Yadkin County boards of education to have local control over the school calendar
- [HB 129: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt County](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Timothy Reeder, R-Pitt; Gloristine Brown, D-Pitt)
  - Allows the Pitt County Board of Education to open schools no earlier than August 15, unless August 15 falls on a weekend, then the opening date will be either the Friday immediately preceding or the Monday immediately following August 15
- [HB 160: School Cal. Flexibility/Buncombe & Asheville](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Lindsey Prather, D-Buncombe; Eric Ager, D-Buncombe; Caleb Rudow, D-Buncombe)
  - Allows the Asheville City and Buncombe County boards of education to have local control over the school calendar
- [HB 163: School Calendar Flexibility](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Steve Tyson, R-Craven)
  - Allows the Craven County and Union County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
  - Allows the Hyde County Board of Education to set different opening dates for their schools depending on the location of the schools
- [HB 176: School Calendar Flexibility](#) (primary sponsor: Representative John Sauls R-Lee)
  - Allows the Lee County and Harnett County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [HB 195: School Calendar Flexibility/Roanoke Rapids](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Michael Wray, D-Northampton)
  - Allows the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District Board of Education to have local control over the school calendar and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the board to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [HB 221: School Calendar Flexibility/Yadkin & Davie Co.](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Julia Howard, R-Davie)
  - Allows Yadkin and Davie County boards of education to align their calendar with the calendar of the local community college

- [HB 236: School Calendar Flexibility/Carteret](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Celeste Cairns, R-Carteret)
  - Allows the Carteret County Board of Education to align its calendar with the calendar of the local community college
- [HB 239: School Calendar Flexibility/Johnston Co.](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Larry Strickland, R-Johnston; Donna White, R-Johnston; Howard Penny, R-Harnett)
  - Allows the Johnston County board of education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the board to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [HB 257: School Calendar Flexibility/Multiple Counties](#) (primary sponsors: Representatives Renee Price, D-Orange; Allen Buansi, D-Orange)
  - Allows the Caswell County, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City, and Orange County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 11 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [HB 306: School Calendar Flexibility/Granville & Vance](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Frank Sossamon, R-Granville)
  - Allows the Granville County, Montgomery County, Person County, Stanly County, and Vance County boards of education to open schools no earlier than August 1 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the boards to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
  - Encourages community colleges serving these five counties to cooperate with their local boards of education to develop a school calendar that best suits the needs of students who attend class in both the school district and the community college
- [SB 96: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt Co.](#) (primary sponsor: Senator Kandie Smith, D-Pitt)
  - Allows the Pitt County Board of Education to determine the opening and closing dates for three school years
  - Requires public hearings to be held as part of the process of determining the opening and closing dates and requires a report on implementation of the school calendar
- [SB 118: School Calendar Flexibility/Moore County](#) (primary sponsor: Senator Tom McInnis, R-Moore)
  - Allows the Moore County Board of Education to align school opening and closing dates with the calendar of the local community college
- [SB 119: School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland County](#) (primary sponsor: Senator Tom McInnis, R-Moore)
  - Allows the Cumberland County Board of Education to align school opening and closing dates with the calendar of the local community college

- [SB 170: School Calendar Flexibility/Multiple Counties](#) (*primary sponsor: Senator Kevin Corbin, R-Macon*)
  - Allows the Asheville City, Buncombe County, Cherokee County, Clay County, Graham County, Haywood County, Jackson County, Macon County, Swain County, and Transylvania County boards of education to have local control over the school calendar
- [SB 229: School Calendar Flexibility/Charlotte-Meck](#) (*primary sponsors: Senators Natasha Marcus, D-Mecklenburg; Rachel Hunt, D-Mecklenburg; Deandra Salvador, D-Mecklenburg*)
  - Allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education to have local control over the school calendar and allows first semester exams to be given before winter break
- [SB 266: School Calendar Flexibility/Chatham](#) (*primary sponsor: Senator Natalie Murdock, D-Durham*)
  - Allows the Chatham County Board of Education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the board to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester
- [SB 278: School Calendar Flexibility/Durham](#) (*primary sponsors: Senators Natalie Murdock, D-Durham; Mike Woodward, D-Durham*)
  - Allows the Durham County Board of Education to open schools no earlier than August 10 and, if the first semester ends prior to December 31, allows the board to administer assessments prior to the end of that semester