

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 21, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-02-(2)-17

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Board Legislative Subcommittee Report

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. House Bill 94 – Local Flexibility Re: School Calendar.
2. House Bill 131 – Funds/One School Superintendent per County.

PURPOSE: To receive updates from members of the Board's Legislative Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND: There will be numerous pieces of new school-related legislation receiving consideration in Raleigh this year. The Board of Education Legislative Subcommittee is monitoring legislative activity and providing advocacy when and where it is needed to benefit the students and staff of Orange County Schools.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Unknown

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education hear and discuss reports from the Board's Legislative Subcommittee.

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HOUSE DRH80019-LE-18A (01/05)

Short Title: Local Flexibility Re: School Calendar.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lucas.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SET SCHOOL
3 CALENDARS FOR THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates
7 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
8 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall not be before August 15. First semester
9 examinations shall be given before winter break. August 25, and the closing date for students
10 shall not be after June 10. On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may
11 waive this requirement to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to
12 accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the
13 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for
14 instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"
15 means either that:

16 (1) schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed
17 eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe
18 weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency
19 situations; or

20 (2) schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed
21 for all or part of eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years
22 because of severe weather conditions. For purposes of this subdivision, a
23 school shall be deemed to be closed for part of a day if it is closed for two or
24 more hours.

25 The State Board also may waive this requirement for an educational purpose. The term
26 "educational purpose" means a local school administrative unit establishes a need to adopt a
27 different calendar for (i) a specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally
28 to the student body of that school, (ii) a school that primarily serves a special population of
29 students, or (iii) a defined program within a school. The State Board may grant the waiver for
30 an educational purpose for that specific school or defined program to the extent that the State
31 Board finds that the educational purpose is reasonable, the accommodation is necessary to
32 accomplish the educational purpose, and the request is not an attempt to circumvent the
33 opening and closing dates set forth in this subsection. The waiver requests for educational
34 purposes shall not be used to accommodate system-wide class scheduling preferences.



1 ~~The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school~~
2 ~~that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to~~
3 ~~any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of~~
4 ~~modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar."~~

5 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
6 the 2011-2012 school year.

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HOUSE DRH90015-LE-17A (01/05)

Short Title: Funds/One School Superintendent per County. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas and Parmon (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR
3 ONLY ONE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT PER COUNTY.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of
6 Education shall not allot State funds for the superintendent of a city school administrative unit.
7 To administer this section, the State Board shall reduce the central office allotment of each city
8 school administrative unit by an amount equal to the midpoint of the State salary range for that
9 unit.
10 SECTION 2. Each city school administrative unit shall use non-State funds for its
11 superintendent's salary and benefits.
12 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

