

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB412

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **School calendar; local school boards to set first day of school**

5. Summary: Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education might grant waivers of this requirement.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation permits local school divisions to set the school calendar and determine the opening date for the school year without any restrictions set forth by the Board of Education. Currently, school divisions are not permitted to begin the school year prior to Labor Day unless they are granted a waiver by the Board of Education pursuant to §22.1-79.1, Code of Virginia. Providing the calendar adopted by a school division under this legislation still meets the minimum requirements for instructional time in a school year, the Department of Education does not anticipate this legislation will have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB799.

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