

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1537

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Merricks

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** School calendar; opening of school year in certain school divisions.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the school boards of the City of Danville, the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Pittsylvania County school divisions to set the opening of the school year so that the first day students are required to attend school is prior to Labor Day.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation proposes to allow the City of Danville, the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Pittsylvania County to set the school calendar so that the opening date of the school year for the district can be up to two weeks prior to Labor Day. 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. Providing the calendars adopted by the City of Danville, the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Pittsylvania County still meet the minimum requirements for instructional time in a school year, any local costs or savings resulting from this legislation are unknown at this time. However, it is anticipated that this legislation will not have a state fiscal impact.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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