

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB254

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School calendar; local school boards allowed to set opening of school year.

5. Summary: Allows local school boards, for years in which Labor Day falls on September 5 or later, to set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend school shall be no earlier than one week before Labor Day.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation proposes that for years in which Labor Day falls on September 5th or later, school divisions would be permitted to set the school calendar so that the opening date of the school year could be no earlier than one week 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 of the *Code of Virginia*. Providing that calendars adopted by divisions pursuant to this legislation 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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