

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB602

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; opening of the school year.

5. Summary: Allows local school divisions to set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend must be no earlier than the fourth Monday in August. Current law requires the first day to be after Labor Day unless a waiver is granted for good cause shown.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation proposes that school divisions would be permitted to set the school calendar so that the opening date of the school year could be no earlier than the fourth Monday in August. 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*. This bill maintains the existing waiver process for any school division that wants to set the opening date prior to the fourth Monday in August.

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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