

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB610

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: School calendar.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would make local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill also requires local school boards that set the school calendar to close certain days over the Labor Day weekend.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

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 that the calendar adopted by a school division under this legislation still meets the minimum requirements for instructional time in a school year, it is not anticipated that this legislation will have any state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/24/2014 dpb/smc

Document: G:\GA\FIS 2014\HB610H1.doc