

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1585

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Schools failing to achieve full accreditation; scheduling flexibility.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would permit a school division superintendent, with the approval of the local school board, to change a school's start date or operate the school year-round if the school has failed to achieve full accreditation. The superintendent may make such changes district-wide if more than 15 percent of all public schools within the school division have failed to achieve full accreditation status. If such a division is part of a joint or regional school, such as academic year Governor's Schools, that school is permitted to match the new start day or year-round operation if approved by the school's governing board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation permits local school divisions to operate year-round or 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: Local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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