

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB967

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

2. Patron: Davis

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Length of the school term; waiver; early course mastery.

5. Summary: Permits the Board of Education to waive, on a course-by-course basis, the requirement that the length of the school term be at least 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours in any school year if a local school board provides the Board with satisfactory evidence of an alternative model of instruction for any course that allows for student mastery of the course content and objectives in fewer than 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours. The bill provides that if the Board grants such a waiver, there shall be no proportional reduction in the amount paid by the Commonwealth from the Basic School Aid Fund and that the local appropriations for educational purposes necessary to fund 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours shall not be proportionally reduced by any local governing body due to any reduction in the length of the school term for any course for which such a waiver is granted.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Education will need to establish guidelines to create the waiver process, and Department of Education resources will be required to evaluate alternative course deliveries that are described in waiver applications. It is anticipated that this additional workload can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.