

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1652

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

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: School calendar; opening day of the school year.

5. Summary: Directs local school boards to set school calendars so that the first day students are required to attend school is no earlier than 14 days before Labor Day, while requiring those school boards who set a before Labor Day start date to close each school division from the Friday immediately preceding Labor Day through Labor Day. The Board of Education may waive this requirement based on a school board certifying that it provides its students instructional programs that are offered on a year-round basis in one or more of its elementary, middle, or high schools. Any such waiver shall only apply to the opening date for those schools where such year round instructional programs are offered. All schools granted a waiver for the 2018-2019 under the previous “good cause” requirements, will retain the right to set school calendars so that the first day students are required to attend is earlier than 14 days before Labor Day. Additionally, any school board of a school division that was granted a waiver pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, Special Session I, shall not be required to close the Friday immediately preceding Labor Day.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB1005