Department of Planning and Budget
2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1269

House of Origin	☐ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☒ Engrossed
Second House	☒ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cosgrove

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Length of school term; waiver for evacuation.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to waive the requirement that school divisions provide additional teaching days or teaching hours to compensate for school closings resulting from an evacuation directed and compelled by the Governor for up to five teaching days. The bill provides that there shall be no proportionate reduction in the amount paid by the Commonwealth from the Basic School Aid Fund or the amount paid by a local governing body.

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, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB2124EH1.

    The first sentence of paragraph F states that the Board of Education shall waive the requirement that school divisions provide additional teaching days or teaching hours. The use of the word "shall" appears to negate the later requirement that school divisions provide notification and additional evidence to the Board of Education if they desire such a waiver. If the intent of this bill is to require school divisions to request a waiver and provide supporting documentation to substantiate that waiver, it may be more appropriate to state that the Board of Education "may" waive the requirement, similar to paragraph E.