

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1543

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School calendar; Board of Education may waive requirement that school opens after Labor Day.

5. Summary: Provides that the Board of Education may waive the requirement that local school boards must set the calendar so that the first day students are required to attend school must be after Labor Day for any reason deemed reasonable by the Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation adds language permitting the Board of Education to waive the requirement that schools must start after Labor Day for any reason deemed reasonable by the Board of Education, as specified in § 22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia. 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. Assuming that any calendars adopted by school divisions because of this legislation would still meet the minimum requirements for instructional time in a school year, any local costs or savings resulting from this legislation are unknown at this time. However, it is anticipated that this legislation will have no state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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