

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB43

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

**2. Patron:** Tata

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.

**5. Summary:** Allows local school boards to set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend school shall be no earlier than two weeks prior to Labor Day and no later than the day after Labor Day.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation proposes that school divisions would be permitted to set the school calendar so that the opening date of the school year could be no earlier than two weeks prior to Labor Day and no later than the day after Labor Day. 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 of the *Code of Virginia*. This bill would eliminate the existing waiver process so no school division would have the option of opening any earlier than two weeks prior to Labor Day. Providing that calendars adopted by divisions pursuant to this legislation 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 not have a 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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