

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1319

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: Merricks

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Opening of school year in certain school divisions.

5. Summary: Authorizes the school boards of the City of Danville, the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Pittsylvania County school divisions to set the opening of the school year so that the first day students are required to attend school is prior to Labor Day.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation permits the school divisions of the City of Martinsville, City of Danville, and Pittsylvania County to set the school calendar and determine the opening date for the school year without any restrictions set forth by the Board of Education. 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, Code of Virginia. Providing that the calendars adopted by these three specific school divisions under this legislation still meet the minimum requirements for instructional time in a school year, it is not anticipated that this legislation will have any state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions of the City of Danville, City of Martinsville, and Pittsylvania County.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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