

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB34

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

2. **Patron:** Kory

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** High schools, public; local school boards to set daily school calendar, etc.

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation would require local school boards (or a combination of local school boards in the case of joint or regional schools and regional alternative education programs) to set the daily school calendar so that programs of instruction, as defined in the bill, at public high schools start no earlier than 8:00 a.m. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2016.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** In order to minimize transportation costs, many school divisions alternate the beginning hours for elementary, middle, and secondary schools, allowing the divisions to use the same buses and bus drivers for all schools. This bill would place restrictions on when certain programs could begin each day. As a result, there may be an impact on school divisions' transportation costs to accommodate the restricted start times. If the additional costs prove to be significant statewide, there could be a future impact on rebenchmarking costs in the Standards of Quality (SOQ) for pupil transportation. However, because the bill has a delayed start date of July 1, 2016, there will be no local impact until FY2017 and FY2018. As such, there will not be a potential state fiscal impact until the state rebenchmarks the SOQ using FY2018 expenditures for the 2020-22 biennium.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions, Board of Education, Department of Education

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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