

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB577

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stolle

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Opening of the school year; alternative schedules.

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill would permit a division superintendent, with the approval of the local school board, to set the academic calendar for (i) any school within the local school division that has failed to achieve full accreditation status and (ii) the entire local school division if more than 15 percent of all public schools within the local school division have failed to achieve full accreditation status.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation permits local school divisions to set the school calendar if specified conditions are met. 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 calendar adopted by a school division under this legislation still meets 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:** Board of Education, local school divisions

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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