

# 2019 SESSION

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 2140

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee  
on February 22, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Thomas)

*A BILL to provide that certain school divisions in Planning District 16 may open prior to Labor Day.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

*1. § 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 22.1-79.1 or any other provision of law, the school board of any school division located in Planning District 16 that was not granted a good cause waiver pursuant to § 22.1-79.1 for the 2018-2019 school year but would qualify for such a waiver pursuant to § 22.1-79.1 as it was in effect prior to July 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year may set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend is earlier than Labor Day, including earlier than 14 days before Labor Day. Additionally, the school board of any school division located in Planning District 16 that is entirely surrounded by two school divisions that either were granted a waiver pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, Special Session I, or would qualify for a good cause waiver pursuant to § 22.1-79.1 as it was in effect prior to July 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year may open schools on the same opening date as either such surrounding school division.*

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