



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7258

House of Representatives, April 2, 2019

The Committee on Education reported through REP. SANCHEZ of the 25th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM GRADUATION DATE AND THE DATE WHEN A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY COMMENCE SCHOOL SESSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
4 contrary,] a local or regional board of education may establish for any
5 school year a firm graduation date for students in grade twelve which
6 is no earlier than the one hundred [eighty-fifth] eightieth day noted in
7 the school calendar originally adopted by the board for that school
8 year. [, except that a board on or after April first in any school year
9 may establish such a firm graduation date for that school year which at
10 the time of such establishment provides for at least one hundred eighty
11 days of school.]

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-66q of the general statutes is

13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
14 *1, 2019*):

15 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, [2017] 2019, and each
16 school year thereafter, a local or regional board of education may (1)
17 develop and adopt its own school calendar, which may include the
18 commencement of regular school sessions for the school year on any
19 day before or after the first Monday in September, or (2) adopt the
20 uniform regional school calendar developed and approved pursuant to
21 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-16l
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-66q(b)

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact as it makes a procedural change, allowing a board to establish, at any time in the school year, a firm graduation date no earlier than the 180th day of the board-adopted school calendar for that year.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

Under current law, a local or regional board of education must wait until at least April 1 to set a firm high school graduation date that provides at least 180 days of school (i.e., the minimum required number of days). Prior to April 1, the board may set a firm graduation date no earlier than the 185th day noted in the school calendar the board adopted for that year.

The bill allows a board to establish, at any time in the school year, a firm graduation date no earlier than the 180th day of the board-adopted school calendar for that year.

The bill also specifies that school boards can set their calendars to begin school on any day before or after Labor Day (the first Monday in September).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2019)