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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 5140  
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**Subject:** School Opening  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
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**Impact Date:** April 15, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2016-17</b> | <b>FY 2017-18</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <b>State Revenue</b>             |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Expenditure</b>         | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

The bill would allow a local school district board of trustees to set the annual school calendar. The opening date for students must not be before August fifteenth for the 2017-2018 school year. The bill revises the summative assessments system to require the State Department of Education to procure and administer the assessments rather than the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Statewide summative testing may not exceed seven days each school year, with the exception of students with disabilities. The bill further amends the date that the superintendent or supervisor must notify the teacher of his tentative assignment for the upcoming school year to August eighth from August fifteenth.

The State Department of Education indicates there is no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds since the department is already doing the work.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Revenue**

N/A

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