



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 689

PRINTER'S NO: 1706

PRIME SPONSOR: Drucker

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	See analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 689 amends the Public School Code of 1949 as it pertains to reporting construction costs for the purpose of determining whether a referendum or public hearing is required. Specifically, the bill allows districts to exclude any additional costs in the construction of a building that are incurred in order to meet "Green Building" standards. Green building construction costs must be submitted to the Department of Education (PDE) at the same time that other construction cost estimates are submitted for approval.

This act shall take effect 60 days from enactment of the bill.

ANALYSIS:

School districts are currently reimbursed for a portion of approved long-term, capital construction projects through the Authority Rentals and Sinking Funds Requirements line within PDE's budget. Although there may be potential for increased reimbursement payments in future years due to the requirements of this bill, it is not possible to predict the number and cost of approved projects and how many might include a portion of costs related green building standards. Additionally, these costs would not be incurred in one fiscal year, but would be spread over long-term payments. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have a nominal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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