



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 794

PRINTER'S NO: 1154

PRIME SPONSOR: Roebuck

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

### OVERVIEW:

House Bill 794 is a freestanding act providing for payment of fees associated with certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). To the extent that funds are available, the bill provides for Commonwealth payment of fees associated with eligible teachers and school counselors obtaining NBPTS certification, including payment for certification exams and reimbursement to school districts for the cost of substitute teachers hired while an eligible teacher is obtaining NBPTS certification. In the event that a teacher does not complete the certification process or does not teach in a school for three consecutive years after certification, repayment of the assessment fees by the teacher shall be required. The Department of Education (PDE) shall develop program guidelines and technical assistance will be provided to an NBPTS applicant by an institution of higher education contracted by PDE.

This act shall take effect immediately.

### ANALYSIS:

PDE currently has a program in place to assist teachers in becoming NBPTS certified, and both federal and state funding is available within PDE's budget to assist with payment. The bill will require some modifications to the existing program and additional costs may be incurred to reimburse school districts for substitutes; however, PDE has indicated that funding within the Teacher Professional Development budgetary line item is sufficient to cover costs. Therefore, enactment of this bill will have no adverse effect on Commonwealth funds.

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