



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 870

PRINTER'S NO: 983

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neill

As amended A05799

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

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 870, as amended by A05799, amends the Public School Code of 1949 by adding a new section requiring the Secretary of Education to establish state standards for business, computer and information technology courses.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2010 or immediately, whichever is later.

ANALYSIS:

Currently, there are no existing state standards in business, computer and information technology. The Department of Education (PDE) has indicated that cost for development is estimated between \$225,000 and \$500,000. Although the agency's operating budget has been reduced each year since 2007, which would normally make the cost difficult to absorb, the amended version of this bill distributes the cost of development over two fiscal years (18 months after enactment of the bill). Because the development of standards is an established function of PDE and model standards in this area are available from other states, it is anticipated that the agency can absorb the cost of developing these standards during the 18 months time period outlined in this bill. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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