



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1148

PRINTER'S NO: 2376

PRIME SPONSOR: Murt

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

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1148 amends the Public School Code of 1949 by including food allergy management in the requirements for a local wellness policy. Additionally, the bill mandates that the Department of Education (PDE) provide notification and assistance to school districts to apply for federal and state funds related to child health, nutrition and food allergy management. PDE is also required to collaborate with advisory health councils to develop guidelines for managing life-threatening food allergies in schools. These guidelines must be published on PDE's website no later than January 31, 2011.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

PDE currently has food allergy guidelines developed that can be incorporated into the local wellness policy. The agency has indicated that minimal or no cost will be incurred to provide other assistance, such as help to school districts in applying for federal and state funds. At the local level, school districts are permitted to update their wellness policy as part of the mandated strategic plan and, therefore no additional cost is anticipated. Districts may experience nominal cost in applying for federal and state funds.

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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