



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1572

PRINTER'S NO: 4062

PRIME SPONSOR: Gerber

| FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY | FY 2010/11 | FY 2011/12 |
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| Expenditure Increase/(Decrease): | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1572 amends Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes relating to the sale of food and beverages on school grounds during the school day. Specifically, food and beverages served or sold through vending machines, cafeteria a la carte lines, fundraisers and school stores. For Middle, Junior High and High Schools, the requirements of the bill pertain to individual items sold outside of the reimbursable school meal program.

Specific types of allowable beverages are listed for elementary, middle and high schools. Beverages that are prohibited in all schools include soft drinks, certain sports drinks and iced teas, fruit-based drinks that contain less than 100% fruit juice or caloric sweeteners, and any beverage containing caffeine (excluding low fat or fat-free chocolate milk).

Requirements are listed for food sales that include maximum calories, amount of sugar, sodium and transfat. Separate requirements are provided for a la carte entrees. All schools must offer a choice of at least two fruits and nonfried vegetables and schools with vending machines are encouraged to include refrigerated snack vending machines which accommodate fruits, vegetables, yogurts and other perishable items.

This bill shall take effect January 30, 2011.

ANALYSIS:

School districts are responsible for adhering to the requirements of the bill. Because no Commonwealth agency is required to provide program oversight or assistance, enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Quantifiable data is not available on potential cost to local school districts.

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