



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

**HOUSE BILL: 1618      PRINTER'S NO: 2096      PRIME SPONSOR: Roebuck**

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1618 is a freestanding act that authorizes the Pennsylvania Department of Education to collect and report statewide dropout information. The powers given to the department include: to create a statewide definition of "dropout", to report dropout statistics, to implement a data collection and reporting system, and to require public school entities to report dropout information using a collection system. Additionally, the department is required to provide a detailed dropout report to the legislature and post this report on the department's website.

This act takes effect July 1, 2009, or immediately, whichever is later.

**ANALYSIS:**

The department currently has a system in place that tracks much of the data required by this bill and has indicated that any additional cost would be nominal and could be absorbed within the agency's budget. Therefore, enactment of this legislation would have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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