



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1194

PRINTERS NO. 2127

PRIME SPONSOR: White

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1194 amends the Public School Code concerning the sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings, school police officers, and the Office for Safe Schools. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: Concerning the sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings, Senate Bill 1194 adds "municipal authority" to the list of entities to which a school district of the second, third, or fourth class may convey unused and unnecessary lands and buildings.

This legislation amends the Public School Code concerning school police officer appointments and requirements. It permits school entities, defined as school districts, charter schools, cyber charter schools, and area vocational-technical schools, and nonpublic schools to apply to a judge of the Court of Common Pleas to appoint school police officers in the same manner, and with the same provisions and requirements, currently applicable to school districts. It also permits school districts which are located in a municipality without a local police force to enter into cooperative agreements for school police officers with a neighboring municipality that does have a police force, and makes other changes concerning school police officer authority and cooperative service agreements.

Senate Bill 1194 also amends the Public School Code as it relates to the Office of Safe Schools and eligibility for school safety grants. Among other changes, it allows nonpublic schools to apply directly for the school safety grants which, if awarded, will be distributed by the Department of Education directly to "approved providers," which includes the local law enforcement agencies that will supply school police officers to the nonpublic schools.

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

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.