



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 954

PRINTERS NO. 1689

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 954 amends the Crimes Code concerning the sale of tobacco and the prohibition on the use of tobacco in schools. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

In current law, Chapter 63 of the Crimes Code concerns minors and contains section 6305, which prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors, and section 6306.1, which prohibits pupils from using tobacco in schools. House Bill 954 expands these prohibitions to include nicotine delivery products and nicotine products. A nicotine delivery product is defined as a product or device used, intended for use, or designed for the purpose of ingesting a nicotine product. The term includes an electronic cigarette. A nicotine product is a product that contains or consists of nicotine in a form that can be ingested by chewing, smoking, inhaling or any other means. For the purposes of the prohibition on nicotine products in schools, it does not include a smoking cessation product specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in reducing, treating or eliminating nicotine or tobacco dependence which is possessed or used by a student who is at least 18 years of age.

The bill also expands the definition of tobacco within section 6306.1.

A violation of either section is a summary offense, and in the case of section 6306.1, it is also not reportable as a criminal act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: June 15, 2015

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