



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

PRINTERS NO. 2058

PRIME SPONSOR: Kaufer

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2016/17 | FY 2017/18 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: House Bill 121 amends the Public School Code concerning alcohol, chemical, and tobacco abuse programs. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 121 amends the section of the Public School Code concerning alcohol, chemical, and tobacco abuse programs. It requires, beginning in the 2018-19 school year, for students in grades six through twelve, that instruction under this section include instruction related to the prevention of opioid abuse, with an emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, including heroin. Not later than 2018-19, the Departments of Education and Health must jointly develop a model curriculum for this purpose and post this curriculum on their websites. This curriculum must also be revised when necessary with the most current information.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year the Departments of Education and Health must jointly develop and make available to Commonwealth schools in-service training programs based upon the model curriculum for students. These programs must also be revised when necessary with the most current information. In addition, school districts must incorporate this training into their in-service training plans at least every three years, and this training will count towards teachers' continuing professional education requirements.

Finally, beginning September 1, 2020, and by September 1 every five years thereafter, the Departments of Education and Health must report to the General Assembly on the previous year's activities concerning this model curriculum and in-service training. The report must include a description of efforts to develop and disseminate the curriculum and training, and an evaluation of its effectiveness.

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.