

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.**

Senate Bill 971

**PRINTER'S NO.**

1239

**AMOUNT**

No adverse fiscal impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 18, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator McIlhinney

**HISTORY OF BILL**Referred to EDUCATION, June 18, 2009Reported as amended, June 30, 2009

First consideration, June 30, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 16, 2009Re-reported as committed, June 30, 2010**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 971 amends Article VI (School Finances) of the Public School Code of 1949 by establishing requirements for school districts which employ personnel to perform the duties of elected tax collectors.

The bill requires school districts to certify, with the approval of the school board, the employees responsible for tax collection. The employees certified by the school district must maintain basic training, examination, continuing education and bonding requirements contained in the "Local Tax Collector Law." The school district must post hours of operation in a conspicuous place at the office designated for the collection of taxes and ensure compliance with the "Local Tax Collector Law."

The bill also requires school boards to set fair compensation rates for elected tax collectors based on the cost of, but not limited to, stationery paper, supplies, printing, notices, postage, telephone services, office equipment, software licenses, cost of hand delivery and lien filing, office rental, cost of meeting all requirements for timely filing, reporting, issuance of tax receipts, bonding and continuing education of all employes of the tax collector.

The bill is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

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## **Fiscal Impact**

The enactment of Senate Bill 971 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth Funds.

School districts employing personnel to perform the duties of elected tax collectors may incur additional expenses related to the new requirements for basic training, examination, continuing education and bonding contained in the legislation.