

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1318

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1841

**AMOUNT**

No adverse fiscal impact

**FUND**

General

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 12, 2010

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Mensch

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to EDUCATION, April 12, 2010

Reported as committed, May 4, 2010

First consideration, May 4, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 16, 2010

Re-reported as committed, July 2, 2010

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1318 establishes a free-standing act entitled the State Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program Act.

The bill provides that each member of the General Assembly may establish a State Military College selection committee to annually appoint, for guaranteed enrollment in the college, a student who is a resident of the member's legislative district. To be eligible for appointment a student must have a high school diploma or general education development diploma, maintain domicile within the Commonwealth during the term of the appointment and comply with the admission requirements of the college and the Early Commissioning Program of the United States Army.

The bill requires the State Ethics Commission to develop guidelines governing the selection committees to ensure that they comply with the Legislative Code of Ethics. Each member that establishes a selection committee must file an annual report with the State Ethics Commission including the names of the members of the selection committee, the names and addresses of the applicants and the name of the applicant who is appointed.

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The bill also requires the college to notify legislators when an appointee terminates enrollment and provides that nothing in the act shall be construed to establish a scholarship granted or funded by the Commonwealth.

The bill is scheduled to take effect immediately.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 1318 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Costs associated with members of the General Assembly establishing and operating selection committees should be minor and can be accomplished within their offices existing budgets. The advisory and administrative responsibilities placed upon the State Ethics Commission are routine to their operations and can be accomplished within its existing operating budget.