



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## FISCAL NOTE

**HOUSE BILL: 713**

**PRINTER'S NO: 792**

**PRIME SPONSOR: Fleck**

As amended A05961

<b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b>	<b>FY 2009/10</b>	<b>FY 2010/11</b>
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	See analysis	See analysis

### OVERVIEW:

House Bill 713, as amended by A05961, amends the freestanding act establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program, the Science Education Innovation Grants Program, and providing for state grants.

The Science Technology Partnership Program will focus on improving science education in public and nonpublic schools and shall be administered by the Department of Education (PDE). Grants will be awarded to qualified higher education institutions that are members of partnerships consisting of three or more public and nonpublic schools or school districts. These grants will not exceed \$200,000 per subject area and will be used to purchase or lease scientific or technical equipment.

The Science education Innovation Grants Program will focus on innovative science, environmental science and technology programs with hands-on, inquiry-based learning in public and nonpublic schools and is also administered by PDE. No more than 10% of total grant funding awarded in any one school year may go to a single institution.

This act shall take effect immediately.

### ANALYSIS:

In prior years, funding associated with this bill was provided through the "Mobile Science Education Program" line item with PDE's budget for the Science in Motion program. This bill codifies much of the existing program and allows higher education institutions to apply for grants to facilitate partnerships. Because the bill has been amended to stipulate that grants would be provided as funds are available, enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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