



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 441

PRINTER'S NO: 1075

PRIME SPONSOR: Vance

As amended A06488

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 44, as amended by A06488, amends the Public School Code of 1949 as it pertains to disqualifications relating to a teacher's certificate. The bill expands the list of individuals qualified to certify mental and physical fitness of a teacher to include physicians' assistants and certified registered nurse practitioners. An applicant will be disqualified from certification for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to submit a certificate verifying that applicant has no physical or mental impairment due to a communicable disease or mental disorder that would hinder the ability to perform the duties of a teacher with or without reasonable accommodations.
- Applicant does not have a good moral character.
- Applicant engages in illegal use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages. The applicant can overcome this disqualification if, upon review by the Department of Education, the applicant is determined to be of good moral character.

The bill also adds a section stating that any regulation of the Department of Education that is inconsistent with the bill is formally revoked.

This act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Current school code language allows only a legally qualified physician to attest to the physical and mental fitness of a prospective teacher. No additional cost will be incurred by adding physicians' assistants and nurse practitioners to those persons eligible to make this determination. Current school code language also addresses the issues of moral character and the use of drugs and alcohol; the bill updates that language but makes no changes that would incur additional cost. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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