



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 441

PRINTER'S NO: 2281

PRIME SPONSOR: Vance

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$126,000

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 441 amends the Public School Code of 1949 as it pertains to school health services, medical examinations of teachers and other persons, and tuition for students in a third class school district under fiscal distress. Specifically, the bill will enact the following:

- Expands the list of individuals qualified to certify mental and physical fitness of a teacher to include licensed or certified physicians' assistants and certified registered nurse practitioners. Precludes the granting of a teacher's certification for individuals who fail to submit a certificate, do not have good moral character, or engage in illegal use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.
- Amends Section 1607 of the Public School Code authorizing the Secretary of Education to designate two or more school districts to accept students from a third class school district currently under fiscal distress. The receiving school districts will be paid a calculated tuition rate and an additional stipend for two years. The sending school district will continue to count those students as part of its average daily membership. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee will provide an annual report on the status of the distressed school district.

This act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Health se/rvices/medical exams sections:

The portion of the bill that addresses certification of a teacher's mental and physical fitness has no fiscal impact.

Tuition for students sections:

Based upon data from the Department of Education (PDE), there are currently 253 students from the sending school district who are reassigned to other districts. Tuition for these students shall be paid from the sending school district's subsidy and shall have no impact on Commonwealth funds. However, the bill provides for a supplemental payment to the receiving districts of \$500 per student for two years to be paid by the Commonwealth. This will result in a cost of \$126,000 for FY 2011/12 and \$126,500 for FY 2012/13.

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