



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1078

PRINTERS NO. 3886

PRIME SPONSOR: Davidson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$300,000

SUMMARY: House Bill 1078 amends the Public School Code concerning the Office of Safe Schools, the wearing of military uniforms at graduation ceremonies, and the State Board of Education. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds to the duties of the Office of Safe Schools by requiring it to develop a telephone hotline and internet notification systems for anonymously reporting potential or actual school violence or the possession of weapons on school property.

In addition, this legislation would add a new section 1616, concerning the wearing of military uniforms at graduation ceremonies to the Public School Code. The section would give a high school student the right to wear a military dress uniform at a graduation ceremony if the student has fulfilled all requirements and is otherwise eligible to participate in the ceremony, and has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

This legislation also amends the Public School Code relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Education. It deletes the current requirements for the contents of the state master plan for higher education, which must be adopted every five years, and replaces them with new requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have a fiscal impact according to the Department of Education. The Department estimates it will cost approximately \$300,000 to operate the school violence reporting hotline through the Office of Safe Schools. This estimate is based on the actual cost of another hotline. This cost could increase depending upon the nature and cost of the "Internet notification systems" implemented by Office of Safe Schools, which cannot be known at this time.

The changes concerning the wearing of military uniforms at graduation ceremonies and the State Board of Education will not have a fiscal impact.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.