



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1343

PRINTERS NO. 2700

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1343 is a stand-alone act to be cited as the Commonwealth Higher Education Modernization Act.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds provisions and makes repeals to laws impacting the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). It contains a chapter on economic development that allows PASSHE universities and employees to enter into agreements for economic development advantageous to both the universities and the employees. The chapter provides for approval, notice and construction of such agreements. Another chapter concerns relations with private affiliated entities, further defining the relationship between State System universities and these entities, which are usually the university foundations. A third added chapter concerns doctoral degrees and permits universities besides the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to offer applied doctorates. This would not apply to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. A final section repeals some conflicting, inconsistent and outdated statutes related to PASSHE. A floor amendment added a chapter concerning faculty provisions. The bill repeals the act of January 18, 1952 (1951 P.L.2111, No.600), referred to as the State College Faculty Compensation Law. Much of this law is outdated. However, certain provisions are still relevant and are reinstated by this chapter. The chapter also adds provisions found in the current collective bargaining agreement between PASSHE and its faculty union. Since these added provisions are already in current law or a current collective bargaining agreement, they will have no fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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