



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1363

PRINTERS NO. 3837

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1363 amends Sections 1205.1 and 1205.2 concerning continuing professional development and Section 1131-A concerning Strikes Prohibited After a Contract Impasse. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Public School Code to provide that one year after a contract impasse, the Secretary of Education may request a public hearing in the school district of impasse. It requires the hearing to include testimony from the school board, administration, employee organization and any additional party requested by Secretary. Requires the public have 30 days to submit written testimony. It further provides that testimony may be received from experts commenting on the social, emotional and educational well being of the students in the school district. It also requires the secretary to issue a report on recommendations regarding the impasse 90 days following the hearing.

This legislation would also require the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee provide an interim report on the study being conducted on the costs and benefits of the continuing professional development program, which was authorized in Act 24 of 2011 and requires the study to be due on November 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Costs incurred by the Department of Education to conduct hearings and the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee compiling an interim report should be minimal and can be accomplished within their existing operating budgets.

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