



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1610

PRINTERS NO. 2441

PRIME SPONSOR: Vereb

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: A freestanding act that shall be known as the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires the Departments of Health and Education to post on their websites guidelines and materials to inform and educate student athletes, their coaches, and others concerning the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. The Departments are to include information provided by organizations such as Parent Heart Watch and Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes. A student participating in interscholastic athletics and the student's parent or guardian must sign a form acknowledging they have received and reviewed these guidelines. School districts may hold an informational meeting on the topic prior to each athletic season. A student athlete who exhibits signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest must be removed from play. The athlete may not return to play until he or she is cleared to do so, in writing, by a licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner. The amendment also requires coaches to annually complete a certified concussion management training course. Penalties are provided for violations of the Article.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The Departments of Health and Education expect any additional costs will be minimal and can be paid from existing appropriations.

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DATE: October 3, 2011

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