



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1960

PRINTERS NO. 2674

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	indeterminant	indeterminant

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers Act changing the age limit from 8 years to 21 years of age effective immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** A Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center provides nonresidential care to more than 6 medically dependent or technologically dependent children who require continuous therapeutic interventions or skilled nursing supervision which must be prescribed by a licensed physician and administered by or under the direct supervision of a licensed registered nurse. Under the current law, the age limit is 8 years or younger; House Bill 1960 would change the age to a child under 21 years of age. The Department of Health is responsible for licensing; while the Department of Public Welfare is responsible for reimbursing for services provided. The majority of the children served by the Pediatric Extended Care Centers are Medical Assistance eligible recipients.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Actual Medical Assistance expenditure data is not available to evaluate and quantify that the cost of providing services through Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PECCs) are less expensive than services provided via in-home care such as private duty nursing or shift nursing services. The legislation would result in the expansion of the population eligible to be served which has potential corresponding indeterminable cost implications for the Medical Assistance program. However, at a minimum, if the Department of Public Welfare maintains its authority to determine, verify and approve, through its prior authorization process, the medical necessity of the services to be provided, it is anticipated that the department could potentially be able to control any growth, utilization and program costs that might be incurred.

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