



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

PRINTERS NO. 5

PRIME SPONSOR: Gingrich

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 19 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning child exploitation awareness training. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires school districts to incorporate age appropriate content on child exploitation awareness education into their existing curriculum for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. In developing the program, the school district must utilize the model guidelines developed by the Department of Education (PDE).

The Office of Safe Schools in the PDE must develop model guidelines for school districts to use. This development must be done in consultation with at least one organization addressing child exploitation, and may use educational materials that are already publicly available.

The parents or guardians of participating students must be allowed to examine the child exploitation awareness education program instructional materials at the school in which their students are enrolled, and permitted to withdraw their children from instruction in the program by returning a signed opt-out form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Any additional costs incurred by the Office of Safe Schools to develop these model guidelines for school districts should be minimal, and will be handled within their existing budget. Additional costs to school districts should be minimal as well, since they may incorporate guidelines developed by the PDE into an already existing curriculum to fulfill the requirements of this legislation.

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