



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 477

PRINTERS NO. 1126

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 477, Printer's Number 1126, creates the Early Childhood Vision Care Education Act. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The bill would establish the Early Childhood Vision Care Education Program within the Department of Health to promote public awareness of the need for vision care for young children and the value of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of vision disorders and eye diseases. The Department is required to create a public education and outreach campaign through written materials and brochures. The Department is also required to develop educational materials and brochures and make them available to parents through State and local health departments, hospitals, clinics, health care providers, preschool programs, child-care providers and early childhood programs. The Department would also develop relationships with health care providers and health-related community-based organizations to promote and coordinate public education programs on early childhood vision care.

House Bill 477 outlines the Department's responsibility to evaluate the program every two years and provide its findings to the General Assembly. Specifically, the Department must provide a description of material developed; how, when and where the materials were disseminated; a description of the relationships developed between the Department and health care providers and health-related community-based organizations; and any other result of the program.

The Department is also authorized to accept grants, services and property from the Federal Government, foundations, organizations and other entities available to carry out the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT: The bill requires the Department to track the dissemination of materials and outreach work. The Department currently has no mechanism in place for such tracking. Any cost incurred by the implementation of this legislation will be absorbed by the Department's General Government Operations appropriation.

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