



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1424

PRINTERS NO. 1940

PRIME SPONSOR: Clymer

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1424 amends the Public School Code concerning Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds to the Public School Code a new section on Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations. This section provides for Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations instruction, curriculum guidelines, and in-service training beginning in the 2015-16 school year, when school entities may offer such instruction. Such instruction may be integrated within social studies, language arts, and other appropriate courses.

The PA Department of Education (PDE) must establish curriculum guidelines within 12 months after the effective date of this new section. These guidelines shall encourage the inclusion of subjects and topics enumerated within the bill. The Department may work in consultation with organizations providing educational resources related to the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations to develop these curriculum guidelines. Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the Department must make available, to all school entities, in-service training programs based upon these curriculum guidelines. Such training developed and approved by PDE will count towards a teacher's continuing professional education requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department indicates the additional cost to develop curriculum guidelines and in-service training will have a minimal fiscal impact that can be handled within their current and proposed budgets.

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