



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1424

PRINTERS NO. 3712

PRIME SPONSOR: Clymer

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

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 of study.

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 must 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.

This legislation also requires the State Board of Education to conduct a study regarding how instruction in the holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations is offered by school entities. School entities will be required to participate in this study, which must be completed following the 2016-17 school year and presented to the Governor and General Assembly no later than November 17, 2017. If this study demonstrates that less than 90% of school entities are offering instruction in the holocaust, genocide and human rights violations, the State Board must promulgate regulations requiring such instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department estimates developing and disseminating the curriculum guidelines and in-service training required by House Bill 1424 could cost as much as \$20,000.

The study that must be conducted by the State Board of Education will have a minimal cost. However, given the timing of the report, these expenses will probably not be paid until the 2017-18 fiscal year.

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