



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1559

PRINTERS NO. 2110

PRIME SPONSOR: Farina

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1559 amends the School Code concerning youth suicide awareness and prevention training. It would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** Under this legislation, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, all professional development plans submitted by a public school to the Secretary of Education for approval must include four hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention. This training must occur every five years for professional educators in buildings serving students in any of grades six through twelve, and may be used to satisfy a professional educator's continuing professional education requirements.

The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, must develop and make available on its website recommended guidelines and educational materials for this training, however schools shall not be required to use the guidelines and materials developed and made available by the Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. In developing training guidelines and materials pursuant to this legislation, the Department of Education may use materials which are already publically available. These requirements should also not have a significant fiscal impact on public schools since the training can be incorporated into professional development that is already required.

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