



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1559

PRINTERS NO. 2927

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 education. It would take effect July 1, 2014 or immediately, whichever is later.

**ANALYSIS:** Under this legislation, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all school entities must adopt a youth suicide awareness and prevention policy in accordance with guidelines established in the legislation. In addition, all professional development plans submitted by a school entity 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 must maintain on its website a list of approved resources and training materials and age-appropriate youth suicide awareness and prevention education, materials and resources. The Department must work in conjunction with a youth suicide prevention organization operating in the Commonwealth to determine which materials and resources are most appropriate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Developing a list of training materials and resources pursuant to this legislation can be accomplished within the Department of Education's existing operating budget. The requirements of this legislation should also not have a significant fiscal impact on public schools since the materials are widely available and 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.*