



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2074

PRINTERS NO. 3286

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2074 creates the freestanding Governor's Schools of Excellence Act. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2074 directs the Pennsylvania Department of Education to establish Governor's Schools of Excellence at host sites throughout the Commonwealth. The Governor's Schools may be sponsored by and located at Pennsylvania institutions of higher education designated by the Department. The Schools may cover fields and disciplines as determined by the Department.

The Department must make applications available to every public and nonpublic school in this Commonwealth and post the application on the Department's website. The Department must also ensure that each Governor's School is selecting students on the basis of performance and achievement through a competitive selection process that seeks an economically, socially, and geographically diverse student population. In addition, selected students will not be required to pay any tuition or fees to attend and participate in a Governor's School. Students will only be responsible for costs related to transportation to and from the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation does not require the General Assembly or the Department of Education to allocate funding to the Governor's Schools of Excellence. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. However, the Governor's 2014-15 budget proposal includes \$350,000 for the Governor's Schools of Excellence.

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