



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 10

PRINTERS NO. 1247

PRIME SPONSOR: Scarnati

As amended by A03127

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 10 amends the Public School Code concerning the Office for Safe Schools. It would take effect July 1, 2013 or immediately, whichever is later.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Public School Code for new targeted grants through the Office of Safe Schools. These grants are for programs and measures to address school violence and security. This includes costs associated with school police and resource officers and the expansion of existing grants to include emergency plans, drills, and related activities.

Amendment A03127 gives grant funding priority to schools using school police officers who:

- are retired Federal, State, municipal or military law enforcement agents;
- are independent contractors of the school;
- are compensated on an hourly basis and receive no other compensation or benefits;
- have completed annual Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training;
- have been indemnified by the school;
- have passed a criminal history background check; and
- are working for a school district that has not employed a school police officer within the previous three years.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. While Senate Bill 10 and the section it amends describe the purpose and allocation of the grants, neither specifies an amount. This is left to the discretion of the General Assembly and the Governor in the budget.

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DATE: June 29, 2013

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