



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 798

PRINTERS NO. 818

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2012/13 | FY 2013/14 |
|--|------------|------------|
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Public School Employees' Retirement Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 798, printer's number 818, amends the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, to further provide for rights preserved during leave of absence. The effective date is July 1, 2013, or immediately, whichever is later.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends Section 1178 of the Public School Code by adding a subsection to entitle members of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) who are granted leave for military service on or after July 1, 2013, to receive PSERS credit for the military leave.

This bill is a companion to Senate Bill 797, printer's number 1148, and is necessary to remove inconsistencies in existing laws to bring the PSERS Code into compliance with the following Federal laws: Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART Act), the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), and Section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code. The amendments are necessary for PSERS to maintain its federal tax-qualified status.

FISCAL IMPACT: As reported in an actuarial note dated May 16, 2013, the consulting actuary for the Public Employee Retirement Commission does not expect that the enactment of this legislation will have any material impact on the future funding requirements of PSERS.

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