



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1633

PRINTERS NO. 2547

PRIME SPONSOR: Pickett

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1633 amends Title 40, Insurance, concerning children's health care. It would take effect immediately.

#### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1633 adds a new chapter to Title 40 concerning children's health care. It would move the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from under the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to the Department of Human Services (DHS). None of CHIP's current eligibility, benefits, or provider networks will change, and the existing CHIP staff will continue to administer the program at DHS.

In addition, HB 1633 will allow DHS to compare children enrolled in two programs administered by DHS to determine eligibility for CHIP. It also adds two insurance industry seats to the Children's Health Advisory Council and allows for electronic dissemination of CHIP information to public and nonpublic schools.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. In 2014-15 CHIP was funded by a combined total of nearly \$480 million in state and federal funds. This money funded health insurance coverage for approximately 155,220 children and paid for an authorized complement of 23 positions. These line items, funding sources, and staff will transfer from the Insurance Department to DHS.

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