



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 880

PRINTERS NO. 1411

PRIME SPONSOR: Smucker

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 880 amends the Public School Code concerning Keystone Exams. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 880 amends the Keystone Exam section of the School Code to provide that the use of the Keystone Exam as a graduation requirement or as a benchmark for the need for participation in a project-based assessment will be delayed two years until the 2018-19 school year.

In addition, this legislation requires the PA Department of Education (PDE) to investigate alternatives to the use of the Keystone Exam as a requirement for graduation and issue a report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Majority and Minority Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees within six months. The bill also lays out minimum requirements for what must be included in the report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: November 23, 2015

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