



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

PRINTERS NO. 3625

PRIME SPONSOR: Lawrence

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2017/18 | FY 2018/19 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY:

House Bill 85 amends the Public School Code concerning exemptions from Assessments. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 85 adds a new section to the Public School Code concerning exemption from assessment. It requires the governing body of a school entity to meet within 180 days of the effective date of this new section to determine if the school entity will excuse a student from state required assessments if the student's parent or guardian submits an objection based on philosophical grounds in writing to school officials. If the governing body of a school entity fails to make this decision within 180 days, parents or guardians in the school entity will have the ability to opt out of state required assessments for their student if the parent or guardian notifies the school entity in writing of their philosophical objection. School entities include school districts, area vocational-technical schools, intermediate units, joint schools, charter schools, regional charter schools, and cyber charter schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: June 11, 2018

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