



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

PRINTERS NO. 1612

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1305 amends the School Code concerning teacher professional development. It would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1305 adds a new section to the Public School Code concerning professional development related to secondary transition services. It requires that, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, each professional educator employed by a school entity who provides secondary transition services to students who are either in grades eight through twelve or are fourteen years of age or older, complete the training developed by the department. The training must be completed within six months after the professional educator assumes the duties of providing secondary transition services and again every five years thereafter. This training will count towards the educators existing continuing education requirements.

Within 180 days after passage of this legislation, the Department must develop both online and face-to-face training programs, one of which professional educators will need to complete to comply with the training requirements. The program and associated relevant materials must be made available free of charge to the educator, and the training and materials developed by the Department must conform to minimum requirements established in the legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Department of Education indicates that the training materials required by House Bill 1305 could be developed and produced by the Department at no cost. However, there would be a cost for maintaining this training program on the Department's online education platform. The system allows participants to view and take courses, assesses knowledge through electronic evaluation, and produces a certificate of completion for the participant. The Department estimates adding this course to that system could cost up to \$40,000 a year, beginning in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The current 2016-17 budget for the Department of Education's general government operations line is nearly \$24 million.

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