



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1448

PRINTERS NO. 2109

PRIME SPONSOR: Cutler

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1448 amends the Public School Code concerning higher education accountability and transparency. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1448 adds a new article to the Public School Code concerning higher education accountability and transparency. It requires the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to make available at a single location on its website, links to the federal government's College Navigator Website and the Department of Labor and Industry's High Priority Occupations website. In addition, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency must include a link on its website to this page on the PDE website, and school entities must provide this information to students in grades nine through twelve.

The remainder of the new article details the required contents of an internet search tool that allows an individual to compare institutions of higher education that meet certain criteria selected by the individual, including the offering of a particular major or program of study. It will be the duty of PDE to create this internet search tool only if the United States Department of Education (USDOE) discontinues the publication of the College Navigator website, which is currently required by federal statute.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds, as long as the USDOE continues the College Navigator website as currently required by federal statute.

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