



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1514

PRINTERS NO. 1939

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1514, Printer's Number 1939, establishes the freestanding Early Childhood Vision Care Education Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires the Department of Health (DOH) to:

- Establish a public education and outreach campaign via written materials and brochures to promote the importance of vision screening for young children and awareness of vision disorders and eye diseases, including amblyopia, strabismus and retinoblastoma.
- Develop educational materials and brochures and make them available to parents through State and local departments of health, hospitals, clinics, health care providers, preschool programs, child-care providers and early childhood programs.
- Develop relationships with health care providers and health-related community-based organizations to promote and coordinate public education programs on early childhood vision care.

DOH is required to evaluate the program every two years and provide its findings to the General Assembly. Specifically, DOH must provide a description of materials developed; how, when and where the materials were disseminated; a description of the relationships developed between DOH and health care providers and health-related community-based organizations; and any other result of the program.

DOH is also authorized to accept grants, services and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations and other entities available to carry out the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of Health, any costs related to implementation of this legislation can be covered with existing funding.

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