



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1644

PRINTERS NO. 3783

PRIME SPONSOR: Klunk

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1644, Printer's Number 3783 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) by adding a new Subchapter A.1 (Revised Statutory Arbitration) and new Chapter 74 (Collaborative Law Process) to provide for the Revised Statutory Arbitration Act and provides for the "Collaborative Law Act."

ANALYSIS:

HB 1644 amends the Judicial Code by adding a new Subchapter to provide for Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RUAA) that will govern the process and how agreements are to be arbitrated on or after July 1, 2019. Unless agreed upon by both parties, the new guidance does not impact agreements in arbitration prior to the effective date of this act. Arbitration laws provide guidance on how to resolve disagreements between employers and employees on various issues relating to labor relations.

In addition, HB 1644 amends the Judicial Code by establishing the Collaborative Law Act. New Chapter 74 provides for definitions, the commencement of, assessment and review, participation agreements, law process, disclosure of information, confidentiality, privilege, professional responsibility and the disqualifications of a collaborative attorney in the collaborative law process.

New Chapter 74 will take effect in 60 days, the remainder will take effect July 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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