



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

PRINTERS NO. 4045

PRIME SPONSOR: Schlossberg

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1822 amends Title 24 (Education) concerning suicide prevention in institutions of higher education. It would take effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1822 establishes a new chapter in Title 24 (Education) concerning suicide prevention in institutions of higher education. It provides that each institution of higher education in the Commonwealth may develop and implement a plan to advise students and staff on mental health and suicide prevention programs available both on and off campus. Minimum contents for the mental health and suicide prevention plan are included in the bill.

If an institution of higher education creates a student mental health and suicide prevention plan, House Bill 1822 provides guidelines on how the plan must be publicly posted and how students will be informed. The plan must also be reviewed and updated annually.

If an institution of higher education creates a student mental health and suicide prevention plan, it must transmit a copy of the plan to the Department of Education (PDE) by August 1 of each year. PDE must post that information on its website. If PDE determines the plan meets the minimum requirements contained in the bill, the institution will be designated a, "Certified Suicide Prevention Institution of Higher Education," and may market itself as such.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The creation of a student mental health and suicide prevention plan at an institution of higher education is optional under this legislation.

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