



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2052

PRINTERS NO. 3593

PRIME SPONSOR: Reese

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2052 amends the Public School Code concerning military parent student support. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2052 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning military parent student support. The requirements of the section would be in effect starting in the 2018-19 school year and each year thereafter. It requires every public school entity to provide appropriate support services to students whose parent or guardian is a member of the armed forces being called to and while serving on active duty.

If a parent or guardian of a student is ordered to active duty, the parent or guardian, at his or her discretion, may notify the public school entity of the activation and request additional supports for the student. Such notification would require the school entity to provide the student and parent or guardian access to a certified school counselor, a certified school psychologist, school social worker, or certified home and school visitors. The school entity would also have to provide information regarding existing federal and state military support services, and any other service, agency, or resource necessary to support or provide assistance to the student, parent or guardian.

The Department of Education must coordinate with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to post information about these military parent and student supports to their websites, and to provide informational materials for use by school entities to inform parents and guardians about these supports.

The term, "public school entity" includes school districts, charter schools, regional charter schools, cyber charter schools, intermediate units, and area vocational-technical schools operating within this Commonwealth.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The additional administrative duties placed on the Departments of Education and Military and Veterans Affairs are routine and can be accomplished within current budgets.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: June 11, 2018

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