



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2157

PRINTERS NO. 3278

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2157 amends the Public School Code concerning the classification of program codes and other topics. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2157 amends the Public School Code concerning the commission for agricultural education excellence, the utilization of credits, and the classification of program codes.

The bill adds to the powers and duties of the commission for agricultural education excellence the responsibility to issue guidelines and update them every five years to identify the circumstances when a student who successfully completes an academic course, program or activity for credit may apply the credit toward completion of an agriculture education program.

House Bill 2157 requires the Department of Education to issue guidelines and update them every five years to identify the circumstances when a student who successfully completes a course, program or activity in science, technology, engineering or mathematics for credit may apply the credit toward the completion of a course, program or activity offered by any area vocational-technical school, technical institute or vocational school or department.

This legislation adds a new article to the Public School Code concerning the classification of vocational program codes. The Department of Education must establish a standard application form for a public school entity seeking approval to establish or renew a classification of program code. The form must be published on the Department's website, and must collect the information enumerated in the bill. The new article also establishes an annual timeline for the Department's approval or denial of the program codes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: April 30, 2018

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