



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2203

PRINTERS NO. 3286

PRIME SPONSOR: Harkins

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2203 amends the Public School Code concerning an online career resource center. It would take effect immediately.

#### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2203 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning an online career resource center. The Department of Education must establish, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Agriculture, a central online clearinghouse. The database must include, at a minimum, the following: postsecondary pathways and options; career and technical education and workforce opportunities; career pathways; data and statistics on employment opportunities and compensation; statewide and regional articulation agreements; and other relevant career resources. The online database must be easily accessible by students, parents, educators, school officials and the general public, and must be updated at least annually.

The Department of Education may utilize existing resources or clearinghouses available from other agencies to compile the information, and the Department must explore the possibility of Federal or private funding to support the clearinghouse.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation may require the Department of Education to incur some additional operating costs to establish and maintain the online career resource center. However, detailed cost figures are not available at this time. According to the Commonwealth's SAP accounting system, the Department's general government operations appropriation for the most recently completed 2016-17 fiscal year still has over \$1.7 million unspent in budgetary reserve. The original 2016-17 appropriation for this line was \$23,959,000.

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