



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 166

PRINTERS NO. 1344

PRIME SPONSOR: Eichelberger

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0
Political Subdivision Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Prohibits public employers in the Commonwealth from deducting a political contribution. The protection of public employee wages provisions would take effect in 60 days with the remainder of the legislation taking effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation establishes the Protection of Public Employee Wages Act to provide that a public employer may not deduct a political contribution from the wages of any public employee, except as required by a collective bargaining agreement already entered into prior to the effective date of the legislation. No individual or organization shall seek to have a political contribution deducted from the wages of a public employee.

The legislation also provides that a collective bargaining agreement entered into, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of the legislation shall not contain provisions authorizing or requiring the deduction of political contributions. The legislation also provides that the deduction of charitable contributions, fair share fees, or membership dues deductions would not be prohibited as a result of the act.

A "Political Contribution" is defined as money or funds used for the following:

- A contribution, as defined in the PA Election Code;
- A contribution, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or political subdivision funds.

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DATE: December 5, 2017

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