



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

PRINTERS NO. 268

PRIME SPONSOR: Jozwiak

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 295, Printer's Number 268 is a freestanding act which establishes the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS in the Department of Health. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation establishes the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS. "PANDAS" is the Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections and "PANS" is the Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

The Advisory Council will consist of the following members appointed by the Secretary of Health:

- A licensed immunologist with experience treating PANDAS and PANS
- A licensed health care practitioner with experience treating individuals with PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other neurological disorders
- A representative of a statewide advocacy organization for individuals with PANDAS or PANS
- A PA-licensed osteopathic physician with experience treating individuals with PANDAS or PANS
- A medical researcher with experience with PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other neurological disorders
- A certified dietitian or nutritionist who provides services to those with PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other neurological disorders
- A representative from an organization for school psychologists who is a school psychologist
- A child psychologist with experience treating individuals with PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other neurological disorders
- A representative from an organization representing school nurses who is a school nurse
- A pediatrician with experience treating individuals with PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other neurological disorders
- A representative from an organization focused on autism
- A parent with a child who has been diagnosed with PANDAS or PANS

- A licensed social worker who practices with children in PA

The following individuals shall also be members of the advisory committee:

- A representative from the Bureau of Special Education
- The chair and minority chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee
- The chair and minority chair of the House Health Committee
- Secretary of DOH or their designee, who shall be a nonvoting member

Appointments to the council shall be made within 30 days after the bill's effective date and the first meeting of the council shall be held within 60 days of the effective date. Council members shall include at least one medical doctor and one osteopathic doctor.

Members of the advisory council are not entitled to compensation; however, they can be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.

The duties of the council include submitting a report no later than January 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, to the respective legislative committees with recommendations on:

- practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS;
- mechanisms to increase awareness and education with respect to PANDAS and PANS;
- outreach programs for those educators and parents impacted by PANDAS or PANS; and
- development of a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS to assist in education and outreach.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** DOH may incur costs to reimburse advisory council members for necessary expenses, however, the amount is indeterminable. The funding amount included in the 2019-20 General Appropriations Bill for the DOH General Government Operations appropriation is \$26,283,000.

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