



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

PRINTERS NO. 858

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 334 amends the Public School Code concerning the classification of program codes and other topics. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 334 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. This must be done in consultation with and with the approval of the Department of Education. The guidelines must be posted on the Department of Education's website within 15 days of approval.

House Bill 334 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. It is anticipated any additional work requirements for the Department of Education can be absorbed within available funding levels.

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