



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1184

PRINTERS NO. 1370

PRIME SPONSOR: Saylor

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1184, Printer's Number 1370, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), known as The Fiscal Code, to provide for block grants in general budget implementation, and further provide for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation proposes to add a new section to Article XVII-E of The Fiscal Code (relating to General Budget Implementation). The section, proposed as Section 1705-E, names and describes eight federal block grants that provide funding to Commonwealth agencies.

The bill also amends Section 1738-E (relating to Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) of Article XVII-E by adding a paragraph pertaining to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) that has previously been included in annual General Appropriations Acts. The language being transferred to the PHEAA specific section of the General Budget Implementation article of The Fiscal Code specifies that appropriations to PHEAA shall supplement other Commonwealth funds maintained by PHEAA in order to fulfill its essential State governmental function of providing Commonwealth students with access to higher education opportunities and providing essential higher education programs for the benefit of Commonwealth students.

The language being added to The Fiscal Code is part of a budget language modernization initiative recommended by the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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