



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1514

PRINTERS NO. 1910

PRIME SPONSOR: Hershey

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1514, Printer's Number 1910, provides for Farm-To-School Program grants in consultation with the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence and Department of Health.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to establish the Farm-To-School Program to be administered by the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence and Department of Health. The program will award grants to any eligible school district, charter school or private school for developing the program in prekindergarten through fifth grade classes. It also repeals the existing Healthy Farms Healthy Schools Act (Act 184 of 2006).

The program shall contain the following elements: a list of Pennsylvania farmers who have agreed to supply food products that are verifiable by the department; nutrition and agriculture education; training of teachers and other staff on nutrition and agriculture education; inclusion of parents, caregivers and community groups in educational activities; and field trips to Pennsylvania farms or other direct educational experiences.

Grant amounts shall be limited to 75% of the amount necessary to develop the program but not exceed \$15,000 annually, per school. Applicants may use in-kind support to match the amount granted, while applications shall be reviewed and evaluated by the secretary annually to ensure program requirements are to be achieved.

The department may require a written agreement describing the terms and conditions of the grant, require verification of grant expenditures and establish criteria the department may demand the return of all or a portion of the grant money. The department shall also promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Grants shall be awarded under the program to the extent money is made available by the General Assembly. Money appropriated may be used for administrative purposes to execute the program, including contracting with one or more entities to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. This program is part of the proposed Pennsylvania Farm Bill package for FY2019-20 and any resulting grants and funding are contingent upon available funds being appropriated for this program. It is expected that agency administrative and program costs would be covered under existing operations, while the bill does state that money appropriated may be used for administrative purposes to execute the program.

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