



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2172

PRINTERS NO. 3808

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2019/20 | FY 2020/21 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | See Fiscal Impact |

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2172 amends the Public School Code concerning the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Effective dates vary by provision.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2172 amends the Public School Code concerning the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). The significant changes are summarized by section below.

Section 2002-A. Establishment of the State System of Higher Education and its Institutions. -

Several changes are made to this section. Language is added clarifying that PASSHE enjoys sovereign immunity and official immunity and remains immune from suit except as the General Assembly may specifically waive immunity. Additional language establishes that, as a government instrumentality of the Commonwealth, any real property owned and titled to PASSHE is immune from taxation, and local regulation of this property may only occur based upon a specific grant of authority to a local subdivision by the General Assembly.

Section 2003-A. Purposes and General Powers. - Changes to this section clarify the State System's authority to sell, transfer, or dispose of real property titled to the System.

Section 2018-A. Method of Disposition; Consideration by the General Assembly. - This section is repealed, which eliminates the requirement that PASSHE request authorization from the General Assembly before it can sell, transfer, or dispose of any real property titled to the System.

Section 2019-A. Campus Police Powers and Duties. - Adds language authorizing campus police to disseminate investigative information to university officials for use in student disciplinary matters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the State System of Higher Education, the changes in this legislation will help the System work more efficiently and effectively and could reduce the System's operating costs. This will

be dependent on subsequent action by the State System Board of Governors and Chancellor to implement any such changes into the System's policies and procedures.

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