



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2787

PRINTERS NO. 4334

PRIME SPONSOR: Reese

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2787 amends the Public School Code by adding new sections concerning precautions against the spread of COVID-19 and sports and extracurricular activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2787 adds two new sections to the Public School code, one concerning precautions against the spread of COVID-19 and another concerning sports and extracurricular activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The precautions against the spread of COVID-19 provide that, notwithstanding any designation by the Federal Government that teachers and support staff are considered essential personnel, no person having any form of COVID-19 in a transmissible stage may be permitted inside a school entity or participate in person in any sports or extracurricular activities. The Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Education may issue further guidance to school entities to implement these provisions.

Concerning sports and extracurricular activities, this legislation provides that the governing authority of a school entity or nonpublic school has the exclusive authority to determine whether to hold school sports activities, including competitions, intramural play and scrimmages, and other in-person extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year.

School entities must develop a health and safety plan addressing school sports and other in-person extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year. A school entity is defined as a school district, nonpublic school, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school. The plan must address safety protocols, limits on gatherings, methods of ensuring social distancing, and

other topics as provided for in the legislation. The plan must be posted on the school website and submitted to the Department of Education. The plan may be amended by the school entity as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: September 2, 2020

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