



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

PRINTERS NO. 963

PRIME SPONSOR: Quinn

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 416 amends the Public School Code concerning seizure recognition and related first aid training. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 416 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning seizure recognition and related first aid training. It provides that, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, school nurses may complete a Department of Health approved online course of instruction or in-person training regarding management of a student with seizures that includes information about seizure recognition, a seizure action plan and related first aid. Other professional school employees whose duties at the school entity include direct contact with students may also complete a Department of Health approved online course of instruction or in-person training regarding awareness of a student with seizures that includes information about seizure recognition and related first aid. This training must be provided at no cost and credited toward a professional educator's continuing professional education requirement. Completion of this training will not obligate a professional employee to administer medication or provide medical care to a student with a seizure disorder, and a professional employee acting in good faith and within the scope of this training will not be liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission in the course of any training or related first aid. According to this section this training must also be made available to nonpublic school employees.

The Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Education, must identify and approve an online course of instruction or in-person training provided by a nonprofit national foundation no later than June 30, 2021, that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders to satisfy the training required under this legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The seizure recognition and related first aid training that must be approved by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Education is available online from a nonprofit, national foundation.

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