



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

PRINTERS NO. 1452

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1041 amends the Public School Code concerning home education programs. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1041 requires school districts and area career and technical centers (CTCs) to allow home schooled students who are residents of the school district or of one of the school districts that participates in the area CTC to enroll in cocurricular activities and take up to four academic courses at a time. These students' participation must be pursuant to the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the school district of residence and on the same basis as other students enrolled in the school district or CTC. This includes meeting the eligibility requirements and prerequisites of each course. The parent or guardian of the child is responsible for transportation of the child to and from school for the selected courses, except that a home school student may utilize district transportation to or from school during the times a bus is otherwise already operating and space is available.

Home education students enrolled part-time in school districts or career and technical centers will be included in the average daily membership (ADM) of the school district of residence and the career and technical center, if applicable, by counting the time the home education student spends in the public school program on a pro rata basis. This is a codification of current practice based on regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the latest Pennsylvania Department of Education data from 2018-19, there were 25,105 homeschooled students that year, compared to total public school enrollment of 1,716,518 ADM, making homeschooled students 1.46% of the total. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will likely have only a minimal impact on Commonwealth, school district, and career and technical center finances, however the actual impact on a specific school will vary with each school's circumstances. The provisions concerning the inclusion of home-schooled students in a school district's ADM on a pro rata basis is a codification of current practice based on regulations.

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