



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2255

PRINTERS NO. 3019

PRIME SPONSOR: Polinchock

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 2255 amends the Public School Code concerning a prohibition on scholarship displacement at public institutions of higher education. It would take effect July 1, 2022, or immediately, whichever occurs first.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 2255 amends the Public School Code by adding a section concerning the prohibition of scholarship displacement at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. It prohibits public institutions of higher education from reducing the institutional financial aid of an individual enrolled in the institution when the student receives a private scholarship, except in certain circumstances. The university would be allowed to reduce institutional financial aid if a student's total financial aid from all sources exceeds the student's financial need. In addition, a public institution of higher education may reduce a student's institutional financial aid if the institution receives approval from the organization that awarded the private scholarship that causes the reduction. If the student is an athlete, the public institution of higher education may reduce the student's institutional financial aid to comply with the individual or team financial aid restrictions of an athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics.

A public institution of higher education is defined as a community college or rural regional college operating in the Commonwealth, a university within the State System of Higher Education, a State-related institution in the Commonwealth, the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, or the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The colleges and universities defined as public institutions of higher education in the bill also indicate it will not have an adverse fiscal impact.

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DATE: May 24, 2022

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