



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 786

PRINTERS NO. 2001

PRIME SPONSOR: Aument

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 786 amends the Public School Code concerning open campus initiatives. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: Under current law, Article XV-G of the Public School Code, concerning open campus initiatives, pertains only to school districts. Senate Bill 786 would expand that to include "school entities," defined as school districts, charter schools, cyber charter schools, regional charter schools, intermediate units, and career and technical schools.

The bill establishes minimum requirements for cooperative agreements among school districts and other school entities for open campus initiatives.

The bill also requires that each school entity establish a policy regarding the participation of students in an open campus initiative, including an approval process for attendance and policies ensuring participating students receive the required hours of instruction. Each school entity must also provide notification of the policy and availability of the open campus initiative program to students and parents or guardians.

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

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on school entity funds unless an entity chooses to participate in an open campus initiative, which is optional. A school entity that chooses to participate in an open campus initiative may see additional expenses, savings, and revenue, depending on their level of participation, and the fee structure established by the school entities for participation.

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