HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1025   **PRINTER'S NO. 1834**   **PRIME SPONSOR: N. Nelson**

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	$0	$0

SUMMARY:

This bill adds "hate-based intimidation" as a component of both the Safe2Say school safety program (K-12 schools) and provides for postsecondary institutions to have policies regarding sexual harassment and violence.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1025 amends Article XIII-D – Safe2Say Program – of the Public School Code to add "hate-based intimidation" as a component of the anonymous school safety reporting program called Safe2Say. The Attorney General's office, which administers Safe2Say, is required to incorporate how to recognize and report hate-based intimidation into its current training and instruction materials. School entities shall incorporate recognizing and reporting hate-based intimidation into their periodic in-service training sessions.

Additionally, the bill amends the Public School Code's Article XX-J – Postsecondary Institution Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy and Online Reporting System – to add "hate-based intimidation" to the policies postsecondary institutions are required to have regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1025 would have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. The cost to school entities and postsecondary institutions is expected to be minimal as the structures for these programs already exist.

Staff at the Attorney General's office indicated that the costs of the new training requirements are minimal and can be absorbed within the office's existing budget.

The costs to the Department of Education to update the model curriculum are expected to be minimal and assumed to be able to be absorbed within the department's existing budget.

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