



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1097

PRINTER'S NO. 1288

PRIME SPONSOR: Haddock

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1097 amends the Public School Code to require school entities to conduct a moment of silence during instructional hours to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1097 amends Article XV – Terms and Courses of Study: Special Instruction and Observances – of the Public School Code to require school entities to conduct a moment of silence during instructional hours to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Within 12 months, the Department of Education shall identify and make available on its website model curriculum for instruction in the events and significance of 9/11 for voluntary use by school entities. The term school entity encompasses school districts, charter school entities, intermediate units, and area career and technical schools.

House Bill 1097 takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1097 increases the workload of curriculum specialists, who the Department of Education indicated are already at or near capacity. If the department needed to fill staff vacancies, the personnel related costs for a curriculum adviser are \$140,000 with another estimated \$114,000 related to operational costs for curriculum support.

However, because curriculum specialists are an established function of the department and model curriculum for 9/11 is generally available to identify, it is anticipated that the agency can absorb the cost of the new responsibilities in House Bill 1097 during the 12-month time period provided. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

Enactment of this legislation will require school entities to conduct a moment of silence at no cost. The adoption or use of 9/11 curriculum, which could impose minimal costs, is voluntary.

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