



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

PRINTER'S NO. 1664

PRIME SPONSOR: Cephias

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1478 amends the Public School Code to allow a public health dental hygiene practitioner to perform the mandated dental screenings for children in school settings.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1478, Printer's Number 1664, amends Article XIV – School Health Services – of the Public School Code related to dental examinations and dental hygiene services. The bill changes the term dental examinations to dental screenings and allows a public health dental hygiene practitioner to perform the mandated dental screenings for children in school settings. Under current law, only a dentist licensed in Pennsylvania may perform the dental examination at school for children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1478 will have no adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. Section 2505.1 of the Public School Code contains the state reimbursement rates for health services, which are unchanged in this bill. For the mandated dental program, school districts receive the lesser of \$0.80 per student or the certified costs of the services. For dental hygiene services programs, school districts receive the lesser of \$2.00 per student served or certified costs. The enacted 2023/24 budget includes \$34.62 million for school district health services reimbursements under the Dept. of Health.

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