

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 441

PRINTER'S NO.

1075

AMOUNT

No adverse fiscal impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

Feb. 24, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vance

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to EDUCATION, Feb. 24, 2009

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Currently, under Section 1209 (Disqualifications) of the Public School Code, an individual seeking teacher certification must submit a form to the Department of Education signed by a physician certifying that they are neither mentally or physically disqualified from performing the duties of a teacher. Senate Bill 441 amends this section to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to make the certification.

The bill also disqualifies an applicant from receiving teacher certification who has engaged in illegal use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, unless the applicant is reviewed by the department and determined to be of good moral character.

The bill will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 441 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.