

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1610

**PRINTER'S NO.** 3442

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 16, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Vereb

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to EDUCATION, June 16, 2011

Reported as committed, June 28, 2011

First consideration, June 28, 2011

Re-committed to RULES, June 28, 2011

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Third consideration and final passage, Oct. 3, 2011 (199-0)

(Remarks see House Journal Page 1904-1905), Oct. 3, 2011

In the Senate

Referred to EDUCATION, Oct. 11, 2011

Reported as amended, May 1, 2012

First consideration, May 1, 2012

Second consideration, May 7, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 7, 2012

Re-reported as committed, May 21, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1610 creates a freestanding act that shall be known as the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act."

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

This act would require the Pennsylvania's Department of Education and Department of Health to develop guidelines and educational materials to educate coaches, parents and student athletes about the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest, including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice when experiencing those symptoms. These departments would be permitted to utilize existing materials already developed by organizations such as Parent Heart Watch and Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes and would be required to post the educational materials on their websites.

This legislation also requires that any student athlete that exhibits signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed by the coach from participation at that time. The student shall not be permitted to return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or cardiologist. Coaches found in violation of this subsection would be penalized in accordance with penalties established by the governing body of the school entity and within the minimum guidelines mandated by the act.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Governor's Office of the Budget, the enactment of this legislation would have minimal costs associated with it to the Departments of Education and Health. It's expected that these minimal costs would be absorbed within the departments' general government operations appropriations. Therefore, it is determined that the enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.