

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1960

PRINTER'S NO. 2674

AMOUNT

Indeterminate Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 31, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Vulakovich

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to HEALTH, Oct. 31, 2011
Reported as committed, Dec. 5, 2011
First consideration, Dec. 5, 2011
Laid on the table, Dec. 5, 2011
Removed from table, Dec. 7, 2011
Second consideration, Dec. 12, 2011
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Dec. 12, 2011
Re-reported as committed, Dec. 13, 2011
Third consideration and final passage, Dec. 13, 2011 (194-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page 2541), Dec. 13, 2011
In the Senate
Referred to PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, Jan. 9, 2012
Reported as committed, March 14, 2012
First consideration, March 14, 2012
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2012
Re-reported as committed, May 22, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1960 amends the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers Act. Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- adds the definition of a child as a person under twenty-one (21) years of age;
- removes the language "eight years of age or younger" from the term "medically dependent or technologically dependent child" and
- increases the age where Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PECCs), when developing a care plan, are directed to consider the individualized education plan for children from under nine (9) years of age to under twenty-one (21) years of age.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

The majority of children currently served by PECCs in the Commonwealth are Medical Assistance recipients.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PECCs) in Pennsylvania are licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, while the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) is responsible for reimbursing them for the services they provide. These payments are made through the Medical Assistance Program.

HB1960 will expand the number of individuals able to receive services through Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PECCs). A majority of these individuals were already receiving services through the Medical Assistance program. If the costs for services in these PECCs are more expensive than services previously provided, DPW has methods to control costs to ensure budget neutrality. DPW can determine, verify and approve the medical necessity of the services to be provided through its prior authorization process.