

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 330

PRINTER'S NO. 980

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 330 amends Section 1502(d) (Installment payment of school real property taxes) in the Taxpayer Relief Act to permit small businesses to be able to pay school property taxes in installments.

The legislation requires the board of directors of a school district of the second, third or fourth class adopt a resolution for calendar year 2012, and each year thereafter, authorizing payment of school property taxes in installments for small business owners.

The requirements currently in law for homestead and farmstead owners that make installment payments will apply to small businesses. Specifically, these provisions require at least three installment payments may be made and no more than 12 payments in total, provide for a 10 percent penalty for delinquent payments and make taxpayers who are more than 10 days delinquent on more than two installments ineligible to make installments payments in the following year.

For the purpose of the bill, "small business" means a business located in the Commonwealth with no more than 50 employees.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 330 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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