

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1406

PRINTER'S NO. 1934

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 31, 2012

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Folmer

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to EDUCATION, Jan. 31, 2012

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First consideration, March 6, 2012

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1406 amends Section 6503 (Certification of institutions) by adding a new subsection (e.1) to allow a private, nonprofit college or university to offer an additional degree, major or program without the approval of the Department of Education if either of the following condition apply:

- The college or university has operated continuously in this Commonwealth for the immediately preceding ten (10) years and is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or,
- The Department of Education approves the additional degree, major or program pursuant to the procedures under which it grants a certificate of authority.

The legislation will become effective immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1406 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds.