

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 434

PRINTER'S NO. 3131

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 8, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Maloney

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 434 amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to eliminate separate standards for school employees with regard to child abuse investigations and background clearances.

This bill would add the following definitions to Chapter 63:

- School
- Serious Physical Neglect

The bill would repeal the definitions of: "founded reports for school employees" and "indicated reports for school employees." School employees would now fit into the definitions of founded and indicated reports with all other mandated reporters.

The bill would reenact the section 6341 of Title 23, which was enacted in HB726 and SB30 in December 2013 to correct an effective date issue.

This bill would remove the current exception from Child Abuse Clearances for student teachers.

This bill would increase the penalty for willfully failing to cooperate with a child abuse investigation to a third degree misdemeanor for a first offense and a second degree misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

This act shall take effect in December 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 434 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.