

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1424

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2766

**AMOUNT**

\$7,000

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 23, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Clymer

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to EDUCATION, May 23, 2013  
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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1424 establishes a new Section 1554 (Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Violations Instruction) in the Public School Code of 1949 to require each school entity offer instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations to students beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

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Requires the instruction provided by a school entity to be integrated within social studies and language arts courses; be age appropriate; sequential in method of study; communicate the connection between national, ethnic, racial or religious intolerance and the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations.

Requires the Department of Education to make curriculum materials available to a school entity upon request and requires it to establish curriculum guidelines. Specifies the guidelines shall encourage the inclusion of the breadth and history of the Holocaust; the definition, history, response and actions taken in the face of genocide; human rights violations; and, anti-Semitism, racism and the abridgement of civil rights.

Requires the Department to make in-service training programs available based upon the instruction requirements and curriculum guidelines. Requires a school entity to provide in-service training programs. Provides for the in-service training programs to be credited toward continuing professional development requirements. Requires the Department to make the guidelines, in-service and other materials developed available to nonpublic schools.

Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions in the legislation. Provides for the legislation to take effect in 60 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Education estimates that the implementation of House Bill 1424 will cost \$7,000. Costs would be related to developing curriculum and in-service programs, aligning social studies and language arts standards and reviewing already established educational materials related to Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations that it would utilize.