

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 1816

PRINTER'S NO. 3644

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

November 6, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Tobash

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1816 amends Sections 1205.1 (Continuing Professional Development), 1207.3 (Baccalaureate Certification Basic Skills Assessment) and 1217 (Pennsylvania Leadership Standards) of the Public School Code related to continuing professional development for teachers and administrators and entrance requirements for baccalaureate certification programs.

The bill allows for a school entity's professional development plan to include visits by an educator to a manufacturing workplace to provide the educator with a greater understanding of job opportunities in manufacturing for students.

It requires the Pennsylvania leadership standards, which are designed to prepare school administrators for certification and provide them with continuing professional development, to address the creation of teaching and learning in manufacturing and vocational skills.

It also requires a student to complete a basic skills assessment at a satisfactory achievement level prior to admittance in a baccalaureate certification program beginning August 15, 2015.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 1816 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Administrative costs incurred by the Department of Education related to the legislation should be minimal and can be accomplished within its existing operating budget.