

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 10

PRINTER'S NO. 719

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 11, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to EDUCATION, Feb. 11, 2013
Reported as amended, March 19, 2013
First consideration, March 19, 2013
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2013
Re-reported as committed, April 15, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 10 amends Section 1302-A (Office of Safe Schools) of the Public School Code authorizing the Office of Safe Schools to make targeted grants as follows:

- For school entities to fund emergency preparedness and all-hazards plans, including revisions or updates to such plan and conducting emergency preparedness drills related to activities with local emergency responders.
- For school entities and municipalities to fund programs which address school violence by establishing or enhancing school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of school resource officers and school police officers. Requires municipalities that receive grants, with prior consent of the school entity or nonpublic school, assign school resource officers to carry out their official duties on the premises of the school.

The bill requires 25% of the sum appropriated annually for targeted grants to be allocated to address school violence program needs with priority given to school entities designated as a persistently dangerous and with the greatest need to establish safety and 75% to be allocated to school entities and municipalities to enhance school security.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2013, or immediately, whichever is later.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 10 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. It is estimated that the Department of Education will distribute approximately \$500,000 in targeted grants in the current year. Additional funding for targeted grants will be dependent on future appropriations made by the General Assembly.