

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 731

**PRINTER NO.** 735

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 14, 2015

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Dinniman

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 731 amends Sections 121 (Keystone Exams) and 2603-B (Powers and Duties of the Board) of the Public School Code to require the State Board of Education to submit a fiscal impact statement to the chairmen and minority chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees upon submission of proposed and final-form regulations relating to Keystone Exams. The fiscal impact statement submitted by the State Board is required to: (1) detail the impact to the Commonwealth, communities, school districts and private schools; (2) include a comprehensive fiscal note of all direct and indirect costs incurred in preparation and as a result of the promulgation of the regulation; and, (3) include a best dollar estimate. The bill also requires the State Board to submit a fiscal note prepared by the Governor’s Office of the Budget for regulations that relate to other subject matter.

The legislation is schedule to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 731 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds. Presently, the State Board is already required to provide a detailed fiscal analysis upon the submission of a regulation to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. According to the State Board, the Department of Education and the Governor’s Office of the Budget assist in the preparation of the fiscal analysis. Revising the fiscal analysis as presently compiled to comply with the provisions contained in the legislation will pose no significant administrative burden to the agencies involved and can be accomplished within their existing operating budgets.