

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1212

**PRINTER NO.** 2058

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

September 16, 2016

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Wozniak

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1212 establishes a new Section 1528 (Child Opioid Awareness Education) in the Public School Code to require school entities to incorporate child opioid awareness education into their curriculum for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Requires school entities to develop age-appropriate child opioid awareness education programs, include training in child opioid awareness education in their professional development plans and, to provide 4 hours of training every 5 years to professional educators assigned to teach child opioid awareness education.

Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and at least one organization addressing child opioid awareness education to develop a model child opioid awareness education curriculum; make the curriculum available to school entities; and, compile, develop and post on its publically accessible Internet website recommended guidelines and materials to train professional educators in child opioid awareness education.

Provides that the department may use materials already publically available to develop the curriculum and materials to train professional educators. Provides that school entities may use the model curriculum developed by the department. Specifies the training provided to professional educators may be used to satisfy continuing professional education requirements.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 1212 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds. The cost to the Department of Education to develop child opioid awareness education curriculum and guidelines and materials for training professional educators should be minimal and can be accomplished with in its general operating budget as the legislation allows for the use of materials that are already publically available.