

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1312

PRINTER NO. 1938

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 10, 2016

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Smucker

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1312 establishes a new Section 1201.1 (Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers) in the Public School Code to allow prospective teachers to work as substitute teachers in certain circumstances.

The bill allows an individual who does not hold a teaching certificate to be eligible to teach as a substitute teacher in a school district, area vocational technical school or an intermediate unit if the individual: (1) is currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program in a college or university that is located in the Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting agency; (2) has completed at least 60 credit semester hours at the aforementioned college or university; and (3) has met the requirements relating to background clearances set forth in Sections 111 (Criminal History of Employees and Prospective Employees; Conviction of Certain Offenses), 111.1 (Employment History Review), 1109(a)(Qualifications) and 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 Subch. C. (Child Protective Services).

Allows the chief school administrator to issue a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers to an uncertified individual who meets all of the above requirements and limits the number of days that a permit may be used to no more than ten days per school year for a single professional employee or temporary professional employee and no more than 45 days per school year for multiple professional employees or temporary employees.

Provides for the permit to be valid for one year and allows for the permit to be renewed for one year if documentation is provided by the individual verifying completion of an additional 15 credit hours and enrollment in a college or university located in the Commonwealth.

Provides for the governing body of the school district, area vocational technical school or an intermediate unit to fix the salary of an individual holding a permit.

Provides that an individual holding a permit may not elect membership in PSERS, nor shall the service accrued while working under a permit be eligible for credit in PSERS.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1312 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds.