

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 1305

PRINTER NO. 1612

AMOUNT

\$40,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 1, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Rapp

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1305 establishes a new Section 1614.1 (Professional Development Related to Secondary Transition Services) in the Public School Code to require each professional educator employed by a school entity who provides secondary transition services to students who are either in grades eight through twelve or are fourteen years of age or older to complete training related to secondary transition services beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

The bill requires professional educators to complete training within six months after they assume the duties of providing secondary transition services and every five years thereafter. It requires school entities to monitor and ensure that professional educators comply with the training provisions. It also specifies that training shall be optional for special education paraprofessionals who provide services to students preparing for secondary transition.

The bill requires the Department of Education (department) to develop an online training program and to create and provide a curriculum for face-to-face training within 180 days of the effective date. It also requires the department to make the program available free of charge and provide nonpublic schools with internet access to the training program and materials.

Additionally, the bill provides that professional educators who complete the training may use the hours toward their continuing professional education requirements.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Education estimates that operating the online training program contained in House Bill 1305 will cost \$40,000 annually beginning in 2018-19.