

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2052

PRINTER NO. 3593

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 2, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Reese

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2052 establishes a new Section 1183 (Military Parent Student Support) in the Public School Code to require public school entities to provide support services and information to a student whose parent or guardian is a member of the armed services being called to and while serving on active duty beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

The legislation provides that if a parent or guardian of a student is called or ordered to active duty, the parent or guardian may notify the public school entity of the activation and request additional supports for the student. Upon receiving the parental notification, the legislation requires the public school entity to provide the student and parent or guardian with the following:

- Access to a certified school counselor, a certified school psychologist, school social worker, or certified home and school visitors; and
- Information regarding existing federal and state military support services and any other service, agency or resource necessary to support or provide assistance to the student, parent or guardian.

The legislation requires the Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to carry out the provisions contained in this section, including posting information about the available student supports on their publically available internet websites and providing informational materials for use by public school entities to inform parents about the available student supports.

The legislation defines public school entity as a school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit, or area vocational-technical school operating in the Commonwealth.

The legislation is schedule to take effect in 60 days.

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The enactment of House Bill 2052 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The administrative duties delegated to the Department of Education and the Department of Military and Veterans to post information publically on their internet websites and provide informational materials are routine to their normal operations and can be accomplished within their existing general government operating budgets.

Additionally, the costs to public school entities should be minimal as the support services required by the legislation are services typically available to students attending the Commonwealth's public school entities.