

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1142

PRINTER NO. 1678

AMOUNT

\$1,160,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 20, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1142 establishes the Safe2Say program within the Office of Attorney General, providing methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe activities in schools.

The established program will provide a platform for anonymous reporting of threatening activities in schools. The bill requires that the identity of the individual remains completely anonymous including to law enforcement, unless the individual voluntarily agrees to be identified.

The bill requires the development of procedures to forward information received to the appropriate law enforcement, school official or organization.

The confidentiality of a person's identity who has provided information to the program is outlined, including penalties for violations.

Judicial proceedings for the disclosure of records from the program are established.

The Office of Attorney General is required to submit an annual report on the program including but not limited to the number of reports received and costs to operate the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The establishment of the program will cost \$1,160,000 annually once fully implemented. The Office of Attorney General estimates that the software needed to receive reports will cost \$105,500. The office also anticipates that staffing to provide availability to the hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, will require 13 staff at a cost of \$1,050,000 for salaries and benefits and operating costs.