

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 91

**PRINTER NO.** 724

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 24, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Hughes

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 91 amends the Workforce Development Act to provide for the collection and dissemination of data on emerging and projected future employment opportunities in the Commonwealth.

This bill adds the definitions of 'educational institution', and 'public institution of higher education'. It also creates a definition of 'forward-facing employment data' to mean data on current and projected employment opportunities, including geographical location and required training and experience for such opportunities.

The legislation would require the Department of Labor and Industry (department) to include forward-facing employment data when identifying industry clusters. The department should also work in collaboration with the departments of Agriculture, Community and Economic Development, Corrections and Education to enhance the forward-facing employment data. The data and an explanatory analysis shall be provided to educational institutions by the department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 91 would have no negative impact on the General Fund. The department currently has access to the additional data, and disseminating it to the educational institutions can be completed by the current staff available.