

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 456

**PRINTER NO.** 451

**AMOUNT**

\$41,500

**FUND**

Private Licensed Schools Account

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 19, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Bartolotta

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 456 amends the Private Licensed Schools Act to allow a private licensed school to establish a branch campus outside the county where the licensed school is located.

The legislation removes the requirement that all entities of a "multibranch training school" must be located within the same county and specifies that a licensed school may only operate an approved branch campus in a county contiguous with the licensed school and within a 60-mile radius.

The legislation requires that, prior to opening a branch facility, a licensed school must receive approval from the Board of Private Licensed Schools (board). The approval is contingent upon the private licensed school being in good standing with the board and having been operational for two years prior to requesting approval.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Education has indicated that Senate Bill 456 will result in a loss of revenue to the Private Licensed Schools Restricted Receipt Account of \$41,500 over the biennial licensing period because private licensed schools that currently pay licensure fees for locations in other counties would pay one license fee under the legislation.

Additionally, the Private Licensed School Act specifies that if the revenues raised by fees, fines and civil penalties imposed under this act are not sufficient to meet board expenditures over the two-year period, the board shall increase those fees by regulation so that the projected revenues will meet or exceed projected expenditures. Therefore, any reduction in fee revenue resulting from the legislation will result in a fee increase across all private licensed schools and provide sufficient revenue in the restricted receipt account to support the administration of the program.