

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 836

PRINTER NO. 1265

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

August 26, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Regan

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 836 amends the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act to include information about electrocardiogram testing along with educational materials the Department of Education and Department of Health are presently required to develop and post on their websites to inform student athletes, their parents and coaches about sudden cardiac arrest.

The legislation requires the departments' websites to include information that the athlete has the option to request the administration of an electrocardiogram from the family's medical provider at a cost to be incurred by the parent.

The legislation requires that the sudden cardiac arrest warning sign information sheet, which must be signed by both the student and the parent and returned to the student's school prior to participation in an athletic activity, include information about electrocardiogram testing.

The legislation also stipulates that a school entity may hold an informational meeting prior to each athletic season and provide information about electrocardiogram testing.

The bill is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 836 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Educational information regarding electrocardiogram testing is readily available, and posting information on the Department of Education and the Department of Health's websites can be accomplished within the agencies' existing general government operating budgets.

For information purposes, the FY 2019-2020 General Fund Budget includes \$28,323,000 for the Department of Education's general government operations and \$26,283,000 for the Department of Health's general government operations.