

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1332

PRINTER NO. 2272

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 5, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Lewis

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1332 establishes Section 1529 (Online Curriculum Availability) in the Public School Code to require school entities to post an internet link or title from every textbook used, a course syllabus or a written summary of each instructional course and the state academic standards for each instructional course offered on its publicly accessible internet website beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

The legislation requires the posted information to be updated by the school entity no later than 30 days after it is revised and charges the chief school administrator with the responsibility of implementing the provisions contained in the legislation.

The legislation provides that in no case shall the provisions be construed to require a school entity to violate the copywrite or trademark or other intellectual property right of the creator or owner of the curriculum.

The legislation defines a "school entity" as a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school and regional charter school.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 1332 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The cost to school entities to post textbook internet links or titles, curriculum and state standards on their publicly accessible internet websites should be minimal as the materials are core to their educational mission and should be in print and readily available to post online if they are not already posted.