

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1867

PRINTER NO. 3325

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

September 15, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Boback

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1867 establishes a new Article XV-K (Purple Star School Program) in the Public School Code to provide for the Department of Education (department) to designate a school as a Purple Star School if a school applies and meets certain requirements related to support for military connected-students.

The legislation requires a school seeking Purple Star School designation to designate a staff member as a military liaison to identify military-connected students, determine appropriate services for military-connected students and coordinate programs relevant to military-connected students. It requires the school to maintain a webpage containing information concerning relocation to the school, enrollment, transfer of records, registration, academic planning, courses, counseling and support services. It requires the school to offer professional development for staff on issues related to military-connected students and a student-led initiative that provides support to military-connected students transitioning to the school. It requires schools to offer at least one of the following initiatives: a resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families; a commemoration each month honoring service members; or a partnership with a local military instillation. It also requires a public school seeking designation to provide military parent student support as required under current law.

The legislation provides that schools may partner with each other to meet the requirements for designation.

The legislation provides for the department to promulgate regulations to administer the article and is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 1867 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The administrative responsibilities delegated to the Department of Education to designate schools as Purple Star Schools are minimal and can be accomplished within its existing general government operations budget.

A school that seeks to be designated a Purple Star School may experience costs to meet the requirements.