

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 381

PRINTER NO. 367

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 10, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

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DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 381 amends Section 1201.1 (Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers) by removing the expiration date (June 30, 2021) to permanently authorize provisions that allow a prospective educator to serve as substitute teacher.

The provisions contained in Section 1201.1 allow the chief school administrator of a school district, area career and technical center or intermediate unit to issue a one-year Substitute Teaching Permit to an individual who is enrolled in a teacher preparation program and has completed at least 60 semester hours of college credit and meets applicable background check requirements. The section provides that an individual may serve on a permit for up to 10 days per school year for a single individual and for up to 45 days per school year for multiple individuals. It precludes substitute teachers serving with the permit from electing membership in the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and from eligibility for PSERS service credit. Additionally, it requires the Department of Education to issue an annual report to the chairpersons of the Senate and House Education Committees on the use of the permits.

FISCAL IMPACT

The enactment of Senate Bill 381 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The administration of the program is conducted at the school entity level. Costs related to the requirement that the Department of Education provide an annual report on the use of permits under Section 1201.1 are minimal and can be accomplished by existing staff within its existing operating budget. For information purposes, the FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget contains \$25,359,000 for the department's general government operations.