

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1196

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AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 11, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Martin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1196 amends the Barbers' License Law (Act 202 of 1931) to provide for education program hours for Career and Technical Education (CTE) barber students enrolled in secondary education programs at a Career and Technology Center (CTC).

The legislation permits a CTE barber student to earn up to 350 hours of education through participation in out-of-school programs supervised by a licensed barber, barber manager or barber teacher who has at least five years of experience and requires a CTE barber student to earn not less than 250 hours through in-person instruction at the CTC.

The legislation defines an "out-of-school program" as a program conducted off CTC grounds, such as cooperative education, job shadowing, internships, community exploration, registered apprenticeships and community service-learning designed to provide a student with real world experience under the general supervision of a program educator.

The legislation permits a CTC program educator to use information obtained from the out-of-school program in gauging and grading the CTE barber student's skill level. It requires the out-of-school program to notify each client upon whom the barber student performs a service that the service is being performed by a CTE barber student. It also permits a CTE barber student to receive compensation for services rendered in the out-of-school program.

The legislation does not apply to barber students enrolled and participating in an adult and continuing education program at a CTC.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1196 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of State has indicated that allowing CTE

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barber students to earn hours towards licensure through out-of-school programs will not impact the cost to verify applications and process licenses.

The Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators (PACTA) has indicated that the provisions contained in the legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on the operations of the Commonwealth's area career and technical education centers.

For information purposes, the provisions contained in the legislation are currently in place as the Cosmetology and Barber Licensee Through Career and Technical Education Pilot Program. The pilot program was implemented by the State Boards of Barber Examiners and Cosmetology to allow CTC students a path to graduation and work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver that allows for the pilot program is scheduled to expire June 30, 2022.