

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1258

**PRINTER NO.** 1768

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 24, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Kinsey

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 1258 establishes a new Section 1525.1 (Calculation of Average Daily Membership for a Dual Credit Course) in the Public School Code to provide that a student enrolled in a dual credit course through a dual enrollment agreement with an institution of higher education may be included in the school entity's average daily membership (ADM).

The legislation also requires the Department of Education (department) to issue a report to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education and Appropriations Committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives of information compiled under Section 1525 (Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education) detailing dual enrollment agreements entered into by school entities, the number of secondary school students participating in the dual enrollment agreements and the total credits earned by students enrolled in dual enrollment courses.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately and expire on June 30, 2025.

For information purposes, 22 Pa. Code regulations presently require a school entity to pro rate the ADM for a student enrolled in a dual enrollment course, unless the school entity pays for the expenses related to the course on behalf of the student.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The enactment of House Bill 1258 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

To the extent additional ADM is attributed to a school entity for a student enrolled in a dual credit course, the school may realize an increase in state support as most state subsidies are based upon a school entity's relative share of ADM.

The administrative cost for the department to issue a report of the information it already compiles related to dual enrollment activities should be minimal and can be accomplished within its existing operating budget. The department's FY 2023-24 budget for general government operations is \$39,500,000.