

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 209

PRINTER NO. 839

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 21, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Pennycuik

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 209 amends the Public School Code to establish a new Section 1184 (National Guard or Reserve Parent Student Support) to allow a student that is the child of a member of the National Guard or Reserve the same rights as a student of an active duty military family under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act, if the student’s parent is required to move to perform the parent’s duties and results in the student transferring from a public school in one state to a public school in the Commonwealth.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

For information purposes, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children works to remove impediments to education success experienced by children of military personnel due to frequent moves by their parents. It includes provisions to facilitate transfer of records, timely enrollment, course placement, assessment, qualification for educational programs and extracurricular activities and graduation of children of military personnel. The Commonwealth adopted the provisions of the Interstate Compact in Act 6 of 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 209 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds. Costs incurred by school districts to adhere to the provisions of the interstate compact for students whose parents are in the National Guard or Reserve should be minimal and can be accomplished within their existing operating budgets.