

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 340

**PRINTER NO.** 1101

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 10, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Mastriano

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 340 establishes Section 1529 (Online Curriculum Availability) in the Public School Code to require school entities to post an internet link or title for every textbook used, a course syllabus or a written summary of each instructional course and the state academic standards for each instructional course offered on its publicly accessible internet website beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

The legislation requires the posted information to be updated by the school entity no later than 30 days after it is revised and charges the chief school administrator with the responsibility of implementing the provisions contained in the legislation.

The legislation provides that in no case shall the provisions be construed to require a school entity to violate the copyright or trademark or other intellectual property right of the creator or owner of the curriculum.

The legislation defines a "school entity" as a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school or regional charter school.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 340 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The cost to school entities to post textbook internet links or titles, curriculum and state standards on their publicly accessible internet websites should be minimal as the materials are core to their educational mission and should be in print and readily available to post online if they are not already posted.