

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 353

PRINTER NO. 283

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 10, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Dush

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 353 establishes the Display of the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania Act.

The legislation requires the governing board of a school entity to display the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania at the entrance of each school building. It provides that the display of the Preamble may take the form of a mounted plaque and may include artwork that is the result of a student contest.

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

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 353 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

School entities will incur costs to display the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials estimates that the average cost to purchase and erect a mounted plaque of the Preamble in a school building is approximately \$125. Assuming plaques are placed in each of the roughly 3,100 school buildings, the enactment of the legislation will cost school entities \$387,500.