

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 843

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AMOUNT

\$200,000

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General Fund

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June 26, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Argall

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 843 establishes a new Article XII-B (Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact) in the Public School Code authorizing the Governor to enter into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (compact) to allow teachers with a valid license from a compact member state to be granted an equivalent license in Pennsylvania.

The legislation provides that licensure under the compact only applies to the initial grant of a license and does not apply to ongoing compliance requirements a state may require for teachers.

The legislation requires compact member states to submit a list of eligible licenses to the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission (commission) that the state is willing to consider for equivalency.

The legislation provides for a state that receives a licensure application from a teacher with a valid license from another compact member state to determine, at its sole discretion, whether the applicant may receive an equivalent license in the state.

The legislation provides that nothing in the compact shall be construed to limit or inhibit the state's authority to regulate licensure and to enforce all requirements as a condition of licensure renewal or advancement, or limit or inhibit laws or regulations governing the ownership, use or dissemination of information pertaining to teachers.

The legislation establishes the commission to administer the provisions of the compact. It provides for each compact member state to appoint one delegate to the commission and provides for the commission to collect an annual assessment from each compact member state or impose fees to pay for its operations.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Education estimates that the enactment of Senate Bill 843 will cost the Commonwealth \$200,000 annually. This amount includes \$160,000 for salary, benefits and operating costs for one new position to coordinate the program with the commission and \$40,000 for costs related to the commission's operations.