



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2599

PRINTER'S NO. 3655

PRIME SPONSOR: Solomon

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$0

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2599 creates the "What is your Pennsylvania Story" Act.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2599 requires the Department of Education (PDE) to develop guidelines, subject to available funds, for educators who teach social studies to use to help students understand their unique lived experiences and religious freedom in the context of the cultural diversity of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the "What is your Pennsylvania Story" instruction includes helping students understand history and enhancing students' ability to interact with one another. The guidelines are specific to 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years to align with the United States' Semiquincentennial (250 year anniversary).

House Bill 2599 would take effect in 60 days.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The requirements of House Bill 2599 are contingent upon available funding, and no funding has been explicitly provided for this purpose to date. PDE staff indicated that the department could develop the guidelines using existing staff and budget resources. Therefore, there would be no adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*