



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1274

PRINTER'S NO. 1951

PRIME SPONSOR: Robinson

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1274 updates the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterators State Registration Act.

#### ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 1274 expands the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterators State Registration Act to include services to individuals who are deafblind and to cover video remote interpreting.

The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Department of Labor and Industry is responsible for annually reviewing alternative pathway programs, which are educational equivalency programs approved by the department.

The bill defines certification, clarifies state registration exceptions for emergencies, and updates the provisional registration requirements. The bill provides that the exception in the case where the individual informs the client that the individual is not registered shall only apply to reasonable situations where the client initiates the request to the unregistered individual. This provision takes effect immediately and expires in five years. After four years, the advisory council shall make a recommendation about this exception.

The remainder of Senate Bill 1274 takes effect in 60 days.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1274 would have no 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.*