



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

PRINTERS NO. 209

PRIME SPONSOR: Readshaw

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 239 amends Act 10 of 1991 concerning military recruiter access to student information. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation makes several changes to Act 10 of 1991, including giving it the short title of the Military Access to Student Recruiting Information Act. These changes will bring state law concerning military recruiter access to students into compliance with Federal law. The changes are concerned primarily with what information school entities must provide and how students can have their names removed from lists provided to recruiters if they so desire. The requirements of this legislation apply to all school entities receiving assistance under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2001, with one exception. Nonpublic schools that maintain a religious objection to service in the armed forces that is verifiable through the corporate or other organizational documents or materials of the school may still receive ESSA assistance while not complying with this legislation. Non-public schools that do not receive ESSA assistance are not required to comply but may cooperate voluntarily. The bill defines "School entity" as a school district, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school and any nonpublic school that receives assistance under the ESSA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. It should also have no adverse impact on local school funds because military recruiters are required to reimburse schools for the cost of complying with these requirements, as long as the schools provide written documentation of the expense.

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