



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

PRINTER'S NO. 3815

PRIME SPONSOR: Leadbeter

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 93 adds human trafficking to the education programs institutions of higher education are required to offer to all students regarding sexual violence prevention and response.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 93 amends Article XX-G – Sexual Violence, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking Education, Prevention and Response at Institutions of Higher Education and Private Licensed Schools – of the Public School Code.

The bill references Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) for the definition of “human trafficking,” and it adds human trafficking to the education programs institutions of higher education and private licensed schools are required to establish and implement for all students.

The human trafficking prevention component of the education program shall include an overview of state and federal law related to human trafficking as well as a discussion of methods of coercion, risk factors, warning signs, and response measures. The Department of Education, in consultation with a nonprofit organization that specializes in outreach and education programs on human trafficking, is required to develop model curriculum to be shared.

In the existing article, an institution of higher education is defined as an independent institution of higher education, a community college, a state-related institution, or a member institution of the State System of Higher Education. The definition for a “private licensed school” refers to the definition in Act 174 of 1986 (Private Licensed Schools Act), which is, with a few exceptions, a postsecondary school for skilled trades.

House Bill 93 would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 93 would have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. The costs to postsecondary institutions are expected to be minimal as the structures for these programs already exist.

The costs to the Department of Education to update the model curriculum are expected to be minimal and are assumed to be able to be absorbed within the department’s existing budget.

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