



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1367

PRINTER'S NO. 3211

PRIME SPONSOR: Daley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1367 amends the Public School Code to provide student mental health awareness.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1367 amends Article XIV – School Health Services – of the Public School Code by adding Section 1426 – Student Mental Health Awareness.

The bill requires the State Board of Education to review the existing state standards for health, safety and physical education and revise those standards as necessary to address student mental health.

The Department of Education (PDE) and Department of Health (DOH) shall jointly develop or identify model curriculum and a list of educational materials that schools may use to provide mental health awareness education. The bill requires this to be completed and posted online within one year of the updated state standards.

School entities are required to notify students, students' parents or guardians, athletic staff, and extracurricular advisors twice each school year of mental health services available.

If a student becomes injured or suddenly stops participating in a school-sponsored athletic or extracurricular activity, the student assistance program shall be notified and provide information on mental health services to the student's parents or guardians. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association is required to revise the existing coaching education requirements to include student mental health awareness beginning in 2025/26.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health to review the form used under Section 1407 for the purpose of documenting student health examinations conducted by examiners of the student's parents or guardians' own choice. The review is to determine whether the form should provide additional details on a student's mental health. Parents or guardians are required to fill out designated sections of the form.

House Bill 1367 would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1367 is not anticipated to have a negative fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. Although the bill increases the workload of curriculum specialists, who the Department of Education indicated are already at or near workload capacity, the scope of this work can be absorbed. If the department needed to fill staff vacancies, the personnel related costs for a curriculum adviser would be \$140,000 with another estimated \$114,000 related to operational costs for curriculum support. No additional cost is anticipated for the Department of Health to review its form.

Enactment of this legislation requires additional notifications by school entities regarding mental health resources which may impose a minimal cost to school entities. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association may encounter minimal costs related to revising coaching education requirements.

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