

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 224

PRINTER NO. 426

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 31, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Simmons

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 224 establishes a new Section 1414.9 (Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors by School Bus Drivers and School Crossing Guards) in the Public School Code to provide civil immunity under Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to school bus drivers and school crossing guards who administer epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) to students.

The legislation specifies that civil immunity applies when a school bus driver or school crossing guard administers an EpiPen in a manner consistent with policies established by the independent contractor and or school entity that employs the school bus driver or school crossing guard and the school bus driver or school crossing guard has successfully completed a training program developed and implemented by the Department of Health for the administration of EpiPens. It also provides the Department of Health 90 days from the effective date of this section to develop and implement a training program for the administration of EpiPens.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 224 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds. The provision requiring the Department of Health to develop and implement a training program for the administration of EpiPens should be minimal as it was required to develop and implement a similar program to train school employees in the administration of EpiPens as part of Act 195 of 2014.