

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 703

PRINTER NO. 3670

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

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Representative Brown

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 703 amends the Public School Code by adding Section 329 (Publication of E-mail addresses for School Directors) and Section 1716.1-A (Publication of E-mail addresses for Board of Trustees) to require the establishment and publication of email addresses for school board directors and charter school and cyber charter school board trustees.

The legislation requires, within 180 days of the effective date of this section, the email addresses to be published on the school’s publicly accessible internet website in a location and manner that are easily accessible.

The legislation also provides that the email addresses may be used by members of the public, school staff and students to communicate with school board directors and charter and cyber charter school board trustees regarding matters of school governance.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 703 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The cost to school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to implement the requirements of the legislation should be de minimis as school entities routinely establish and publish email addresses on their publicly accessible internet websites for school staff, and many already establish and publish email addresses for school board directors and charter and cyber charter school board trustees.