

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 931

PRINTER NO. 1196

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

November 4, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Martin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 931 amends the definition of “household income” contained in Article XX-B (Educational Tax Credits) of the Public School Code related to eligibility for scholarships under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) to exclude payments received from any governmental agency on account of the relief of the economic effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Currently, the definition of “household income” excludes: (1) payments for sickness and disability other than regular wages during the period of sickness or disability; (2) disability, retirement or other payments arising under workers’ compensation acts, occupational disease acts and similar legislation by any government; (3) old-age or retirement benefits paid to persons retired from service after reaching a specific age or after a stated period of employment; (4) public assistance or unemployment compensation payments made by a governmental agency; (5) payments to reimburse for actual expenses; and (6) payments made by employers or labor unions for programs covering hospitalization, sickness, disability or death, supplemental unemployment benefits, strike benefits, Social Security and retirement.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 931 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds as the legislation does not change the amount of educational tax credits available under either the EITC or OSTC programs.

At present, \$280 million is available for education tax credits as follows:

Educational Tax Credits	Current
Educational Improvement Tax Credit	\$ 225,000,000
Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit	\$ 55,000,000
Total	\$ 280,000,000