

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2185

PRINTER NO. 3727

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 8, 2024

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Fleming

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2185 establishes a new Section 1414.12 (Type 1 Diabetes Education Parental Notification) in the Public School Code to require the Department of Health (department) to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and guardians.

The legislation provides that the informational materials may include: (1) a description of type 1 diabetes; (2) a description of risk factors and warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes; (3) a recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student displaying warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes immediately consult the student’s primary care provider to determine if immediate screening is appropriate; (4) a description of the screening process for type 1 diabetes, the significance of its stages and the implications of test results identifying the presence of stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 type 1 diabetes; and (5) a recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student who has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes should consult with the student’s primary care provider to develop an appropriate treatment plan which may include consultation with and examination by a specialty care provider, including a properly qualified endocrinologist.

The legislation requires the department to periodically update the informational materials and make them available on its publicly accessible internet website.

The legislation requires that beginning with the 2025-26 school year, each school entity and nonpublic school make the informational materials available in writing, electronically or on the school entity’s publicly accessible internet website to the parent or guardian of a student when the student is first enrolled in elementary school and upon a student’s entry into grade six.

The legislation defines “school entity” as a school district, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or intermediate unit.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 2185 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The responsibility delegated to the Department of Health to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials is routine to its expertise and can be accomplished within its existing general government operating budget. For information purposes, the department's Fiscal Year 2024-25 general government operations budget is \$32,048,000.

Additionally, the cost to school entities and nonpublic schools to provide the informational materials should be de minimis as providing information to parents and guardians is a routine administrative function for schools, and the materials may be provided electronically or posted on the school entity's publicly accessible internet website.