

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1104

**PRINTER NO.** 1565

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 12, 2024

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Argall

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1104 establishes a new Section 1507 (Credit for Employment at Congregate Care Facility) in the Public School Code to allow a student in eleventh or twelfth grade at a school entity or nonpublic school to earn one elective credit for each 250 hours of work on a paid or voluntary basis at a congregate care facility, for a maximum of two elective credits.

The legislation requires a school entity or nonpublic school to develop an application process and form for students seeking the elective credit for work in a congregate care facility. It requires a school entity or nonpublic school to establish deadlines for applications and conditions a student must meet to obtain elective credit, including verification of the number of hours worked at the congregate care facility. It also prohibits elective credit from being awarded unless a school entity or nonpublic school has approved the student’s application and the student has satisfied all other requirements contained in the legislation.

The legislation defines a “school entity” as a school district, charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area career and technical school operating in this Commonwealth. It defines a “congregate care facility” as a long-term care nursing facility, a personal care home or an assisted living residence.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The provisions contained in Senate Bill 1104 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The administrative duties placed on school entities and nonpublic schools by the legislation should be minimal and can be accomplished within their existing operating budgets as the recording of academic records is routine to normal school operations.