

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1507

PRINTER NO. 1723

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 26, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Topper

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1507 establishes a new Section 130 (Minimum Number of Days or Hours) in the Public School Code requiring that school entities provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction or 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level or 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.

The legislation also provides that nothing contained in the section shall be construed to supersede or preempt a collective bargaining agreement and defines a school entity as a school district, intermediate unit or area career and technical school.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

For information purposes, current law requires school entities to provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction and 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.

FISCAL IMPACT

The enactment of House Bill 1507 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. To the extent removing the days and hours requirement provides greater flexibility to a school entity to tailor its school calendar around the specific school and student needs, the enactment of this legislation may result in savings to a school entity.