



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

PRINTER'S NO. 3496

PRIME SPONSOR: Parker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1540 amends the Public School Code to clarify the membership terms and establish a process for filling vacancies for the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1258 amends Article XV – Terms and Courses of Study – of the Public School Code to provide that members, excluding ex officio members, of the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence shall be appointed for a term of three years or until a successor is appointed. In the event of a vacancy, the Secretaries of Education and Agriculture shall jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy. The member appointed to fill a vacancy must be nominated from a list submitted by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in consultation with the minority leader of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

In its current version the legislation makes changes to the Commissions makeup starting in October 1, 2024. Specifically, the Commission make up shall be:

- Secretary of Education or designee
- Secretary of Agriculture or designee
- Two members appointed by the Secretary of Education
 - A teacher of career and technical agriculture from a school district
 - A teacher of career and technical agriculture from a career and technical center
- Two members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture
 - Representative of the Agricultural Marketing Industry
 - Agricultural Sciences faculty member of a college or university
- Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
 - A farmer
 - Representative of the Agricultural Processing Industry
- Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate
 - Member of a School District Occupational Advisory Committee
 - Member of the Business Community with knowledge of Agricultural Education
- Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
 - A Farmer
 - Faculty Member of the College of Ag Sciences at Penn State University
- Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House
 - A member of the business community with knowledge of Agricultural Education
 - An individual with a background in or knowledge of Agricultural Education

Lastly, the bill also changes the submission date for the Commission's annual report to the General Assembly on the status of agricultural education in the commonwealth from May 1st to December 31st.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1540 would have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.