



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1448

PRINTER'S NO. 1826

PRIME SPONSOR: Bellmon

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$261,500	\$123,000

SUMMARY:

This bill provides for conflict resolution instruction in schools.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1448 amends Article XV – Terms and Courses of Study – of the Public School Code to add a section outlining how school entities may provide age appropriate instruction on conflict resolution to all students.

Within twelve months of the effective date, the Department of Education (PDE) shall list appropriate curriculum and materials for conflict resolution instruction on its website. Beginning in 2024/25, the department shall make available in-service training sessions for conflict resolution instruction to all participating school entities, who must also provide it to appropriate instructors every three years.

A school entity is defined as a school district, joint school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit, or area career and technical school.

House Bill 1448 would take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1448 would impose a cost on PDE related to identifying curriculum and developing in-service training programs. PDE staff estimate one-time operating and program guideline development costs of \$200,000 and recurring personnel and benefit costs of \$123,000 to support one new administrative assistant position. It is assumed that the one-time operational costs and half of the salary and benefit costs will have a fiscal impact in 2023/24, while only the recurring full salary and benefit costs will have a fiscal impact in 2024/25.

The bill will only impose a minimal cost on school entities that choose to implement conflict resolution instruction.

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