

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB385

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Simonds

**3. Committee:** Labor and Commerce

**4. Title:**    Railroad safety; civil penalties.

**5. Summary:** Adds a minimum train crew requirement for railroad companies requiring a crew of at least two qualified individuals on all trains, locomotives, or light engines used in connection with moving freight.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would create a new civil penalty for railroad companies related to the minimum train crew requirement. By statute, all revenue collected by the Commonwealth from fines for civil penalties are deposited to the Literary Fund, unless otherwise specified. Literary Fund revenues must be used to support public school purposes, including school construction and the teachers retirement fund. The number of railroad companies found to be in violation of this provision is unknown; as a result, the impact to the Literary Fund is indeterminate.

DRPT does not enforce these safety standards, so there is not an expenditure impact on the agency.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to the Senate substitute of SB143.