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SENATE BILL 731-SENATOR DINNIMAN

SYNOPSIS:

Requires comprehensive financial reporting by the State Board of Education during the regulation process for Keystone Exams.

SUMMARY:

Amends the Public School Code to require the State Board of Education to submit to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees a detailed fiscal impact statement with every regulation pertaining to Keystone Exams, during the proposed and final-form stage of the regulatory review process.

The detailed fiscal impact statement must explain the financial impact of the proposed or final-form regulation on the Commonwealth, the communities, the school districts and, if applicable, private schools and private religious schools. The detailed fiscal impact statement shall include a comprehensive fiscal note of all direct and indirect costs, whether incurred in preparation for the proposed or final-form regulation, or which will be required as a result of the promulgation of the regulation, to its best dollar estimate.

Requires the State Board of Education to submit the fiscal note, as prepared by the Office of the Budget, for regulations that pertain to subjects other than the Keystone Exams.

Effective Date: 60 days.