

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2644
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8568
Author:	Representative Brumbaugh
Date:	2/13/2012
Impact:	FY-13: \$53,600 to the State; Potential Impact to School Districts

Research Analysis

The introduced version of House Bill 2644 requires that by December 1 and before distributing state aid, the State Department of Education verify that each school district has complied with the School District Transparency Act. The department must not distribute any state aid funds to districts until compliance is verified.

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Fiscal Analysis

The State Department of Education estimates that certifying school district compliance, per the provisions of the measure, will require additional staff time and resources, and will thus require additional staff in the financial accounting division. The estimated cost, including salary and benefits, totals \$53,600.

The agency also believes that school districts do not currently have the infrastructure needed to comply fully with the Acts, and would have to upgrade their financial systems in order to capture the additional data required. However, the agency cannot quantify the impact on the districts without surveying all to estimate materials costs.

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Other Considerations

Withholding of State Aid payments to districts that are found to be non-compliant could potentially cause cash-flow problems for those districts.