

# FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 944	<b>Printer's No:</b>	PN 1967	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Keller
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	"See Fiscal Impact"	\$830,000

**SUMMARY:** This legislation amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agricultural education and providing for a Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agricultural education and providing for a Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence. This legislation will require the Department of Education (DOE) in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture to develop and disseminate agricultural education materials for public and nonpublic school entities in the commonwealth.

Additionally, this legislation will establish a Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence under the authority of the DOE and the Department of Agriculture. The commission with the DOE and the Department of Agriculture will assist in developing a statewide plan for agricultural education. The commission will consist of the following members:

- The Secretary of Education, or a designee
- The Secretary of Agriculture, or a designee
- The following members jointly appointed by the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Agriculture:
  - Two farmers
  - A representative of the agricultural processing and marketing industries
  - Two faculty members of agricultural sciences
  - One faculty member of the State System of Higher Education with a background in agricultural education
  - Two educators of vocational agriculture
  - One educator involved in agricultural education
  - One administrator of a school entity which conducts an agricultural education program
  - One member of a school district occupational advisory committee
  - Two members of the business community with a background in agricultural education

By May 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly on the status of agricultural education in the commonwealth. The annual report shall outline agricultural education programs and achievements, assess the trends and needs in secondary and both formal and informal postsecondary agricultural education and training, investigate and assess work force trends in the agriculture and food industry, assess and make

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programming recommendations for meeting the training needs for those not pursuing formal postsecondary education, consider the manner in which funds are used to support agricultural education activities, highlight new initiatives and recommend future program needs, make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly regarding necessary legislative or regulatory changes to improve agricultural education.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** HB 944 requires the DOE and the Department of Agriculture to provide staff to assist the commission with its duties. The positions, salary and benefits information, and projected travel and training expenses are included below.

Position	Pay grade	Salary & Benefits	Travel & Training
Executive Director	10	\$185,000	\$7,500
Workforce Development	9	\$165,000	\$4,500
Curriculum Specialist	9	\$120,000	\$4,500
Program Approval Specialist	8	\$95,000	\$3,500
Admin Support	5	\$65,000	\$0
FFA Director/Contractor	10	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b><u>\$830,000</u></b>	