

FISCAL NOTE

February 28, 2017

Bill No:	SB 167	Printer's No:	144	Sponsor:	Wagner (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	\$ 0	\$1.3 – 1.5 million

SUMMARY: The bill would ban payroll deductions to be used for political contributions by executive government agencies and school districts.

ANALYSIS: The bill would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to prohibit some state agencies and all school districts from deducting funds from employee paychecks for the purpose of political contributions, regardless of any collective bargaining agreements that require otherwise. The General Assembly, independent agencies and all non-school district local education agencies (LEAs) would not be affected by the language in the bill.

As a constitutional amendment, the Commonwealth would have to publish the bill and it would have to be passed by two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly. This legislation did not pass during the previous legislative session. As such, the earliest the bill could be enacted would be after the 2018 General Election, which would be during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT: The majority of the costs for the bill would relate publication costs. The estimated amount of one round of advertisements is \$1.3-1.5 million for a full-page of advertising space. The total cost of publication may vary due to the size of the bill and the number of amendments that would need to be advertised. It should be noted that the cost of two rounds of publication could occur during the same fiscal year if in the next legislative session the General Assembly immediately passes the same constitutional amendment.

Other fiscal impacts of the bill, including the effect on union memberships and labor relations, are difficult to estimate.