

# FISCAL NOTE

May 3, 2023

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 688	<b>Printer's No:</b>	1036	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Rozzi
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## COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

**SUMMARY:** This bill amends the Public School Code establishing the PA Teacher Pipeline Scholarship Program and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and certain institutions of higher education.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 688 establishes the PA Teacher Pipeline Scholarship Program within the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to provide scholarship grants up to \$8,000 per academic year to Pennsylvania higher education students who are commonwealth residents enrolled in an eligible education program to become a teacher. The scholarship grant shall be applied after federal grants, Pennsylvania state grants, institutional aid, and private scholarships. PHEAA shall adopt regulations and procedures to carry out the program and publish an annual report.

To receive a grant, the student must maintain academic enrollment through program completion, commence employment as a teacher within the commonwealth one year after program completion, and maintain employment in the commonwealth for one year per academic year that the grant was received. The grant shall be transferable if the student transfers to a different eligible school. The full grant amount shall be reimbursed by the student if the student falls out of compliance. Returned portions shall be used to fund other grants under the program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** HB 688 creates the PA Teacher Pipeline Scholarship Program but does not make an appropriation to fund the program. Printer's Number 1036 removed a \$50 million appropriation from the bill. Funding would be contingent on future appropriations made by the General Assembly. PHEAA may retain a reasonable amount from the program for administrative costs, not to exceed five percent of program appropriations.