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# **Fiscal Note**

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Bill Topic: EVALUATION PROTECTIONS & EDUCATORS

No fiscal impact. The bill extends the confidentiality of evaluation reports and related records to all teachers, principals, administrators, special service providers, and education support professionals. The bill does not change the revenue or expenses of school districts or state agencies and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Status:

#### **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, an evaluation report and the records used to prepare the performance evaluation of a licensed professional in public education are confidential and available only to the licensed personnel being evaluated, to the person's supervisors, or to the courts reviewing a decision of a local board of education. This bill extends the confidentiality of evaluation reports and records to all teachers, principals, administrators, special service providers, and education support professionals.

### **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

Under current law, personnel records, including evaluations, for licensed education personnel are confidential. Expanding the confidentiality provisions to include specified educators, administrators, and support professionals is not anticipated to functionally change the operations of the school district personnel performance evaluation processes or rules. The bill will not impact the revenue or expenditures of any state agency or school district. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.