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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **ON-TRACK EQUIPMENT RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill clarifies that railroad crossing safety provisions related to trains also apply to non-train equipment that operates on railroad tracks. This bill does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state or local government and has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, drivers of motor vehicles are required to safely interact with railroad crossings in relation to train traffic, including stopping at some crossings to look for approaching trains as well as not obstructing the passage of trains. Drivers of certain vehicles such as school buses are required to stop at all railroad track crossings to listen and look for approaching trains, unless this requirement has been exempted by state or local authorities on an official sign. This bill extends these requirements to non-train equipment that operates on railroad tracks.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill clarifies that railroad track crossing safety provisions associated with trains also apply to other on-track equipment. It does not expand or create any new restrictions or criminal penalties. It will not affect state or local revenue and expenditures; therefore, this bill has been 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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