



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2411

PRINTERS NO. 3000

PRIME SPONSOR: Hershey

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2411, Printer's Number 3000, requires the Department of Environmental Protection to issue an annual report on flooding and stream restoration in the Commonwealth.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates the Flooding and Stream Restoration Information Act and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue an annual report on flooding and stream restoration in the Commonwealth. DEP shall issue a report, no later than January 1, 2023, and each January 1 thereafter, on flooding and stream restoration in this Commonwealth to the following: the General Assembly; chairs of the House and Senate Appropriation Committees; and chairs of the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees.

The department shall include all of the following information in the report:

- (1) A detailed analysis of the department's efforts to mitigate flooding in this Commonwealth.
- (2) The amount in dollars of property damage caused by flooding in this Commonwealth.
- (3) The number of permits issued by the department to specifically address flooding and stream restoration in this Commonwealth.
- (4) The amount in dollars expended by the department or awarded in grants by the department to address flooding and stream restoration within this Commonwealth, including information regarding how this money was provided to various regions of the Commonwealth and the types of projects that were funded by the money.
- (5) The bridges that have collapsed due to flooding in this Commonwealth.
- (6) Information regarding:
 - the average time it takes the department to issue or deny a permit related to flooding or stream maintenance and restoration;
 - a permit related to flooding or stream maintenance for which the department has taken more than 60 days to issue or deny within the past year; and
 - the reasons for which the department has denied a permit related to flooding or stream maintenance and restoration within the past year.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation could have additional administrative costs to compile the required report, but these are projected to be covered under existing operations. The department would need to coordinate with other state or local agencies for additional flood and property damage information such as the Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.