



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

PRINTERS NO. 4187

PRIME SPONSOR: Payton

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1020, Printer's Number 4187, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to provide for powers and duties of the PA Emergency Management Agency and the disbursement of funding. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) by authorizing the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to provide counties cost-saving measures that provide joint purchasing opportunities and facilitate regionalization of technology and consolidation of public safety answering points (PSAPs) and their operations. The agency shall provide suggested industry-acceptable and uniform standards for levels of staffing and operation.

It also adds language related to the disbursement of fund amounts by PEMA stating that no PSAP may be funded for more than 70% of its agency-approved personnel training, salary and benefit costs during the agency's fiscal year. PEMA shall disburse funds to each PSAP and wireless provider for the eligible costs only up to the amount of fund revenue available for distribution during the agency's fiscal year. No costs may be carried forward for payment by the agency in subsequent fiscal years, except that the agency shall fund all approved costs submitted in wireless fiscal year 2012-13 that are applied for in wireless fiscal year 2013-14.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. However, by eliminating PSAP carry forward costs from prior years beyond fiscal year 2013-2014, this ensures the solvency of the Wireless E-911 Emergency Services Fund to guarantee that expenditures do not exceed revenues and the fund continues to operate with an available ending balance.

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