



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1205

PRINTERS NO. 1983

PRIME SPONSOR: Dunbar

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1205, Printer's Number 1983, creates a freestanding act establishing the Results First Project and providing for data collection and analysis by the Independent Fiscal Office.

ANALYSIS: This legislation shall be known and cited as the Results First Act and requires the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) to implement and maintain a multidimensional data analyzing system. The IFO shall implement the Pennsylvania Results First Project within one year of the effective date by consulting with a nationally recognized organization that specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a cost-benefit analysis model. The IFO shall provide reports as directed by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

Subject to any applicable limitation provided by law, a data source shall submit data requested by the IFO for use as provided by the act. A data source is defined as any of the following: an office, department, authority, board, multistate agency or commission of the executive branch or an independent agency; the Attorney General; the Auditor General; the Treasury Department; a judicial agency; a legislative agency; and the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. The IFO shall work collaboratively with data sources as necessary to ensure that the data provided is of appropriate content and conforms to practicable format specifications. A data source may not be charged a fee to receive the results generated from data it submits under this section.

The act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: The IFO believes that in the initial stages of the project it will be able to operate under current complement and funding levels. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds in 2015-16. The IFO anticipates there will be a need to hire additional staff in future fiscal years as its workload will increase with the model being used to analyze the cost effectiveness of more programs funded by the Commonwealth.

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