



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2419

PRINTERS NO. 3645

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2419, printer's number 3645, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds a new article to create the COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- The Governor or a designee
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or a designee
- The Majority Leader of the Senate or a designee
- The Minority Leader of the Senate or a designee
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives or a designee
- The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives or a designee
- The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or a designee
- The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or a designee
- A judge of the Superior Court or Commonwealth Court or a judge of the court of common pleas appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Task Force Executive Advisors:

- An officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to represent the Secretary of Agriculture
- An officer or employee of the Department of Banking and Securities to represent the Secretary of Banking and Securities
- An officer or employee of the Department of Community and Economic Development to represent the Secretary of Community and Economic Development
- An officer or employee of the Department of Education to represent the Secretary of Education
- An officer or employee of the Department of Human Services to represent the Secretary of Human Services
- An officer or employee of the Insurance Department to represent the Insurance Commissioner
- An officer or employee of the Department of Labor and Industry to represent the Secretary of Labor and Industry; and

- An officer or employee of the Department of Transportation to represent the Secretary of Transportation

Individuals appointed to an advisory committee who are not members of the task force shall represent the geographic, racial, gender and socioeconomic diversity of the Commonwealth. Individuals appointed to an advisory committee who are not members of the task force may not be a lobbyist or an officer or an employee of a political party or political committee.

The Task Force shall: 1) monitor and track the response by the Commonwealth to the COVID-19 public health emergency; 2) identify immediate and urgent issues relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency that require executive, legislative or judicial action; 3) develop a recovery plan that includes a documented, structured approach that describes how the Commonwealth and its subdivisions can expeditiously resume mission-critical functions; 4) make a final report no later than six months after the declaration of disaster emergency related to COVID-19 is terminated.

The amount of \$1,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development for payment of reasonable expenses of the Task Force.

This article shall expire six months after the declaration of disaster emergency related to COVID-19 is terminated.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** House Bill 2419 includes a \$1,000 appropriation to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the expenses of the COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force created in this new article. Any amount of this appropriation unexpended or uncommitted upon the expiration of the Task Force shall lapse back to the General Fund.

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