



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

PRINTER'S NO. 110

PRIME SPONSOR: Bizzarro

COST / (SAVINGS)

Table with 3 columns: FUND, FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25. Rows include Motor License Fund, Public Transportation Trust Fund, and Multimodal Transportation Fund.

SUMMARY: HB 127 PN 110 would provide driver’s licenses for youth experiencing homelessness. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 75 (Vehicles) as follows:

- Section 1505 (relating to learner’s permits) to add teacher, social worker, and children and youth caseworker to the list of individuals permitted to sign a form certifying a minor applicant for a learner’s permit has completed:
- 65 hours of practical driving, including 10 hours of nighttime driving
- 5 hours of inclement weather driving
Section 1506 (relating to application for driver’s license or learner’s permit) provides that a person meeting the definition of “homeless children and youths” under 42 U.S.C. Chapter 119 (relating to homeless assistance) may use a temporary address for any application under the section
Section 1507 (relating to application for driver’s license or learner’s permit by minor) to add teacher, social worker, and children and youth caseworker to the list of individuals required to sign a minor’s application for learner’s permit or driver’s license
Section 1510 (relating to issuance and content of driver’s license) and Section 1951 (relating to driver’s license and learner’s permit) to add new subsections waiving fees for a driver’s license or identification card for any person meeting the definition of “homeless children and youth” as defined under 42 U.S.C. Chapter 119 (relating to homeless assistance)

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation is a function of two components. Components include, costs related to system upgrade by PennDOT and loss of revenues. As it relates to system upgrades, it is anticipated this those one-time cost would be about \$188,000. While the bill provides for waiving of fees, for the issuance of driver’s license or identification card for a person meeting the definition of “homeless children and youth,” the number of individuals who would take advantage of this provision is unknown. As a point of refence, the fiscal impact related to this component would be a function of the number of individuals who take advantage of the provision times the cost of the issuance of a driver’s license (\$45.50) or identification card (\$41.50). Currently, the Motor License Fund, the Public Transportation Trust Fund, and the Multimodal Transportation Fund receive revenues from the issuance of driver’s licenses and identification cards thus the impact would be realized within those funds. The total fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation is indeterminate at this time.

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