



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 126

PRINTER'S NO. 1681

PRIME SPONSOR: Mastriano

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Amends Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (Military Affairs) to provide for the exclusion of veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth programs.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 126, Printer's Number 1681 amends Title 51 by adding Chapter 99 addressing Veterans' Benefit Payment Exclusion. This new chapter specifies that for commonwealth programs that evaluate income as a condition for eligibility, one hundred percent of a veterans' benefit payment shall be excluded from an individual's income. This exclusion also applies to unspent veterans' benefit payments and is extended to the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran upon that veteran's death.

Commonwealth programs to which the act applies is defined to exclude federally funded programs that require a state to meet federal criteria.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Programs that would potentially be implicated by this legislation often already exclude veterans' benefit payments or are based on federally defined criteria. Therefore, this legislation will have no impact on commonwealth funds.

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