SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 494

PRINTER NO. 528

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

General Fund

FUND

DATE INTRODUCED

Senator Martin

PRIME SPONSOR

March 29, 2019

Senate Bill 494 amends the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act to provide for contract awards when advertisements for bids fail to receive bids.

This legislation allows for a municipality to enter into a contract for services upon the failure to receive bids after making two advertisements. Changes are made to the definition of "services" provided to include labor and maintenance of existing structures, buildings or infrastructure. Prior to the execution of a contract, at a regular or special public meeting, the identity of the party, the proposed price and a summary of the terms must be announced to demonstrate they are consistent with the original advertisement.

Penalties for intent to evade the advertising requirement shall apply to any member who votes for the transaction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 494 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.