

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1246

PRINTER NO. 1780

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact
See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Public Transportation Trust Fund
Federal Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

June 7, 2024

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Kearney

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1246 amends Title 74 (Transportation) to codify the Department of Transportation’s State Safety Oversight (SSO) Office for rail transit and busway transportation systems and to authorize a risk-based inspection program.

Established by executive action in 1991, the SSO Office fulfills the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) requirement to implement a state safety oversight program for rail transit systems. This legislation fulfills a 2022 FTA directive that requires the SSO Office to be authorized to implement a risk-based inspection program.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Codifying the Department of Transportation’s existing State Safety Oversight Office will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the Department of Transportation, authorizing a risk-based inspection program is necessary to comply with Federal Transit Administration requirements and maintain approximately \$29.2 million in annual federal funds that support the operations of the SSO Office and the Commonwealth’s public transportation systems.