

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OPERATING POLICY

2019 – 2020 Legislative Session

The following policy is adopted by the Senate Appropriations Committee:

Section 1. Fiscal Impact Review

- (a) The Appropriations Committee shall only review a non-appropriation bill and non-budget implementation bill for its fiscal impact upon the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. For the purposes of this subsection, fiscal impact review shall include an analysis of a bill for future or retroactive cost, savings, and positive or negative revenue effect upon the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. In conducting its fiscal impact review, it shall be in order and the Committee may consider corrective amendments to a non-appropriation bill and non-budget implementation bill. Corrective amendments shall include grammatical revisions, modifications to a statutory citation and references to a section of law, revisions to the section numbers of a bill, changes to the effective date, modifications to applicability sections and modifications that affect the fiscal impact but not the substance of a bill.
- (b) The Appropriations Committee shall consider the full subject matter of appropriation bills, budget implementation bills and bills of original jurisdiction. It shall be in order for the Appropriations Committee to consider amendments that affect the full subject matter of appropriation bills, budget implementation bills and bills of original jurisdiction. For the purposes of this policy, budget implementation bills include, but are not limited to, bills that include provisions necessary to implement a general appropriation bill that amend the act of March 10, 1949 (p.l.30, no. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949; the act of April 9, 1929 (p.l.343, no. 176), known as the Fiscal Code; the act of June 13, 1967 (p.l.31, no. 21), known as the Human Services Code; the act of April 9, 1929 (p.l.177, no.175), known as the Administrative Code of 1929; and the act of March 4, 1971 (p.l.6, no.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

Section 2. Suspension.

Section 1 may be suspended by a majority vote of the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee present. Members present shall include members of the Senate Appropriations Committee who have provided proxies to the Chairman or Minority Chairman for the purpose of being voted at a committee meeting.

Section 3. Applicability.

Nothing in Section 1 or Section 2 supersedes or limits any Rule of the Senate contained in Senate Resolution 3 adopted January 1, 2019. Section 1 and Section 2 are in effect for the 2019 – 2020 session or until invalidated by a Senate Rule or repealed by a majority vote of the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, whichever is sooner.

Patrick M. Browne
Patrick M. Browne, Chairman

1/30/19
Date

Kyoti Houtz
Committee Secretary

1/30/19
Date