



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1754 **PRINTER'S NO:** 2231 **PRIME SPONSOR:** Grucela

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General funds of cities ^a , boroughs, townships, and town	negligible	negligible

^aThis bill does not apply to Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1754 amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Code) (1968, P.L.805, No. 247, reenacted and amended Dec. 21, 1988, P.L.1329, No.170) to require a municipality to notify a superintendent of a school district each month in writing of any plan approved by the municipality's governing body for residential developments or *planned* residential developments. A county would be required to abide by these new provisions for those developments where the municipality does not have a subdivision and land development ordinance *and* the county has one in place.

The Code applies to all counties and municipalities, except for the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and the County of Philadelphia. There are 66 counties, 54 cities, 958 boroughs, 92 first class townships, 1,455 second class townships, and 1 town subject to the Code.

The effective date is sixty days.

ANALYSIS:

The notification required by this bill could be accomplished with a letter, or perhaps an email, and would not require significant additional time on part of the municipality or county. According to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, many municipalities already have a good working relationship with their school districts, and this bill does not impose a burdensome mandate even on the ones that do not. The fiscal impact primarily would consist of paper, envelopes, and postage for each month the municipality is required to provide a notification, and if email is used, there would be no operating cost. The fiscal impact, therefore, is negligible.

The Local Government Commission and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors were consulted in preparation of the fiscal note.

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