



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**HOUSE BILL: 1880**

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**PRIME SPONSOR: Mirabito**

<b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b>	<b>FY 2009/10</b>	<b>FY 2010/11</b>
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	See Analysis	See Analysis

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1880 creates the Pennsylvania Government Accountability Portal (Penn-GAP) Act, which provides for the creation of a searchable, public Internet website which will contain state expenditures and revenues, and other state government-related information.

The Pennsylvania Government Accountability Portal must provide the following:

- All current Commonwealth expenditures (except for minor purchases not exceeding \$1,000 in value and disbursements under public assistance and Medicaid programs).
- Revenues received by each state agency.
- All tax credit programs.
- Any business that has failed to pay the sales and use tax.
- All revocations and suspensions of professional and occupational licenses, registrations or certificates.
- All current state contracts.
- All investments of public funds.
- Completed audit reports of state agencies.
- All state information relating to an agency's full-time positions.
- Monthly credit card statements for each state agency.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:**

Under House Bill 1880, the Treasury Department must: establish guidelines to govern the submission of data to ensure compliance; must enforce the provisions of the act; determine the information to be compiled and recommend a format for collecting and publishing information for public schools and universities and colleges that receive state appropriations.

The bill states that nothing that is exempt from publication under the Right-to-Know Law or deemed to be confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under any federal or state law shall be disclosed.

According to the Treasury Department, this would cost approximately \$2 million in staff time and technology costs to implement the database and collect the information from state agencies. According to the Governor's Budget Office, this legislation would cost at least \$3 million for state agencies to comply with the bill.

The act will be implemented upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly to the Treasury Department and state agencies to carry out the provisions of the act. The timing of when funds are appropriated will determine the fiscal year to which the cost will be assigned.

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