



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 609

PRINTERS NO. 1386

PRIME SPONSOR: Mensch

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 609, Printer's Number 1386, creates the Prostate Cancer Surveillance, Education, Detection and Treatment Act. This legislation is effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2019.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a task force for the purpose of investigating, raising awareness and making recommendations concerning prostate cancer and related prostate cancer conditions.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health to appoint the members of the task force within 45 days of the effective date of the act. The task force shall be composed of the following individuals:

- Secretaries of Health, State, Aging, and Human Services;
- Insurance Commissioner;
- Four physicians with knowledge concerning treatment of prostate cancer and related chronic prostate conditions of which two are board certified in urology and two are practicing radiation oncologists treating prostate cancer;
- An epidemiologist who has expertise in prostate cancer;
- Two representatives from patient groups;
- One prostate cancer patient or family member; and
- Two registered nurses who are knowledgeable concerning prostate cancer, including one who is a certified registered nurse practitioner.

The bill requires the task force to convene its first meeting within 90 days of the effective date. Within one year of the first meeting, the task force shall issue a report with recommendations to the Secretary of Health who shall transmit the report to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health Committee.

The bill prohibits members of the task force from receiving compensation for their services, but they are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses which will be reimbursed by DOH.

This legislation requires DOH to:

- Develop a program of information and education regarding prostate cancer.
- Develop a program to assist male residents in accessing prostate cancer screening, regardless of insurance coverage.
- Cooperate with professional associations and other government agencies in disseminating educational materials.
- Identify and apply for public and private grants and funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Passage of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. DOH would be required to reimburse members of the task force for actual and necessary expenses which should be covered by DOH's General Government Operations appropriation.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*