



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 622

PRINTERS NO. 644

PRIME SPONSOR: Mensch

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 622, printer's number 644, is a free-standing act that provides for the elimination of certain reporting duties of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. The effective date is immediately after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill eliminates several statutorily required recurring reports of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. Specifically, the bill provides that the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall no longer:

- 1) undertake studies and prepare biennial reports as required by Act 1998-150 (relating to mental illness health insurance coverage);
- 2) issue yearly reports under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1211(b) (relating to reports on the impact of slots on the State Lottery); and
- 3) perform performance audits every six years and issue reports under 75 Pa.C.S. § 9701(c) (relating to legislative oversight of Department of Transportation activities and programs).

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will eliminate costs of approximately \$600,500 for the Commonwealth for the preparation of the recurring reports. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee reports that the slots/Lottery impact report costs \$500 annually, the mental health insurance report costs \$100,000 biennially, and the Department of Transportation performance audit reports cost approximately \$500,000. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee issued the required 2014 performance audit of the Department of Transportation on February 24, 2015, so the next required performance audit will not need to be issued until 2020. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee will likely re-direct savings from eliminated reporting requirements to other studies that have been requested by the Legislature.

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