



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

PRINTERS NO. 292

PRIME SPONSOR: Delozier

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the PA Construction Code Act (Act 45 of 1999) to allow the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) to create, by regulation, a separate "on-the-job" trainee classification for each building code official certification. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 701 ("Training of Inspectors") of the act to give L&I the authority to promulgate regulations that establish a separate trainee classification for each certification category. The trainee classification will be an optional training program that individuals could utilize to become certified code officials. An applicant for this program will have to secure the sponsorship of an individual certified in each category for which the individual seeks certification, and sponsors will have to be verified by an affidavit form.

The legislation also provides that a trainee classification will be non-renewable, and be limited to two years for residential/accessibility certifications, and three years for all other certification categories. Individuals in the program may learn the duties of the certified individual while under the supervision of their sponsor.

L&I will have the authority to establish fees and applications/registration procedures to establish the program. Individuals who participate in the program will have to be listed on L&I's publically accessible website.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Since L&I has the discretion to create the training program, it would be up to the department to create the program and charge the corresponding fees to offset any costs.

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