



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO.

HOUSE BILL NO. 735

PRINTER'S NO. 684

PRIME SPONSOR: Warren

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

SUMMARY:

House Bill 735, Printer's Number 684 establishes the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force.

ANALYSIS:

The bill creates a 9-member task force consisting of members appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, agency heads and legislative leaders to study flood insurance issues. The task force is empowered to hold public hearings and conduct a review and analysis of laws, procedures, practices, and rules on the issue.

The task force is charged with producing a report within six months, to recommend:

- Potential programs that provide premium discounts
- Potential programs that create incentives for local government to conduct flood mitigation efforts
- Legislation or changes to practices relating to the administration of flood insurance
- How to educate residents about flood risks and mitigation
- Steps the commonwealth should take to inform residents about options when purchasing flood insurance
- Ways to increase the number of people purchasing flood insurance

Multiple departments are charged with assisting the task force, including the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

Members of the task force may not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses.

The bill takes effect in 60 days, with the first meeting convened within 45 days of the effective date. The task force will dissolve 30 days after issuing its report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs of this legislation are expected to be minimal. The participation of multiple departments should help ensure adequate technical expertise and administrative support is available to the task force drawn from existing agency resources.

While members appointed to the task force are eligible to be reimbursed for their expenses, the short six month duration of the task force and the availability of remote participation will help to keep costs down. On the high end, assuming four meetings, travel by all members of the commission to each meeting and reimbursements for mileage, overnight lodging and subsistence, costs for reimbursement would not exceed \$12,000. Any such expenses can be absorbed within the collective operational budgets of the agencies assisting the task force.

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