

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 107

PRINTER'S NO.

1304

AMOUNT

\$25,000 – FY 2009-10 Implementation Costs

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 29, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Pileggi

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, January 29, 2009

Reported as committed, July 2, 2009

First consideration, July 2, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 6, 2009

Re-reported as amended, July 14, 2009

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 107 creates a new free standing Act entitled the "Governmental Salary Information Act." The Act requires the State Treasurer to post salary information for the officers and employees of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial departments of state government on an official internet website. The information required to be posted for each state government official or employee includes:

- Name;
- Title;
- Agency, department or other institution;
- Annual salary rate or other rate of compensation; and
- Supplemental payments other than payments for unused sick or annual leave.

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For legislative officers and employees, the Treasurer would be required to separately indicate whether the individual is paid with funds administered by the majority or minority caucus or from funds appropriated to compensate the staff of the officers elected by the Senate or House of Representatives.

The State Treasurer would be required to update the website on a monthly basis. Additionally, all Commonwealth agencies would be required to maintain the data in ASCII-Delimited text, Excel or any other format agreed upon by the agency and the Treasurer and would be responsible for verifying the accuracy and completeness of the information.

This legislation also requires local agencies, including political subdivisions, local authorities, commissions or similar entities to post on their internet website and update the same salary information for local employees. If a local agency does not have an established website, the information shall be made available electronically or in writing within 5 days of the request.

Finally, this legislation prohibits the use of the above mentioned data for any commercial purpose.

This Act would take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation passed the Senate during the Regular 2007-2008 Session (Senate Bill 729) and was referred to the State Government Committee in the House of Representatives, where it eventually died.

The Treasury Department estimated that it would have incurred one-time startup costs of approximately \$25,000 for the development of the website and purchase of software and hardware. The monthly updates of the website are expected to be accomplished by existing personnel and will not require additional fiscal resources.

Additionally, § 614 of The Administrative Code of 1929 contains language pertaining to certain lists of state employees that are to be furnished to certain state officers on an annual basis and updated on a monthly basis. Therefore, the data compilation requirement for all Commonwealth agencies is simply a continuation of an existing requirement within the Administrative Code and would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.