



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

HOUSE BILL: 348

PRINTER'S NO: 2571

PRIME SPONSOR: Staback

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
<b>Revenue Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	\$260,000	\$0

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 348 authorizes the Department of General Services (DGS), with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey 2.76 acres of land and buildings known as SCI-Waymart staff residence located in Canaan Township, Wayne County to the Waymart Area Historical Society for \$10,000.

The bill also authorizes DGS, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Altoona Regional Health System 2.7 acres of land and buildings situate in the City of Altoona, Blair County for \$250,000.

This act shall take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:**

According to DGS, the appraised value of the property in Canaan Township, Wayne County was determined to be \$165,000 as of September 19, 2007. However, the memo did not take into account the restrictive covenants contained in the bill, requiring the property and buildings be used solely for historical purposes.

The bill stipulates that costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall not exceed \$10,000 and shall be borne by the grantee and paid to DGS and deposited into the General Fund. The bill also requires that the aforementioned property and buildings be used solely for historical purposes, and that no portion of the property conveyed be used as a licensed gaming facility.

According to DGS, the appraised value of the property in the City of Altoona, Blair County was determined to be \$1.5 million as of August 1, 2006. However, the appraisal did not take into account the adverse environmental conditions, including but not limited to asbestos containing material and lead based paint, present in, on or about the property.

The bill also provides that all costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee. The deed for this land shall contain a covenant subjecting the land to the restriction that it may not be used as a licensed gaming facility. This restriction runs with the land and any violation will result in reversion of the land to the Commonwealth.

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