



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 297

PRINTER'S NO: 982

PRIME SPONSOR: Yaw

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 297 amends the Oil and Gas Act (Act 223 of 1984) requiring well operators producing gas in the Marcellus Shale formation to file a report semi-annually with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The report shall specify the amount of production on a well-specific basis.

The bill also removes the requirement that the DEP keep the reports confidential for five years.

The bill further provides that the Commonwealth shall have the right to use the information from the reports in enforcement proceedings and for statistical purposes.

The DEP is also required to make the reports available on its publicly accessible internet website.

This act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

The bill provides that any costs incurred by the DEP to comply with the well reporting requirements shall be paid out of the permit fees collected for well permit applications.

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