



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 446

PRINTER'S NO: 759

PRIME SPONSOR: Tomlinson

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 446 amends the Vital Statistics Law of 1953 to require the Department of Health to monthly transmit an electronic file containing information on all resident deaths, except residents less than eighteen years of age, for the preceding month to the Department of State. The legislation specifies information that must be included in the electronic file. The Department of State is required to enter the information into the "SURE system" (as defined in 25 PA.C.S. § 102) or a similar successor system. The system must be used by the county boards of election for the purpose of removing deceased individuals from their voter rolls.

Additionally, the legislation eliminates the requirement that local registrars transmit a death certificate to the county board of elections of the county in which a person resided at the time of death for any person over age eighteen.

Lastly, the legislation expands the authority of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, including the responsibilities of the local registrars authorized by sections 501 and 504 of the Vital Statistics Law.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The Department of Health and the Department of State do not anticipate any additional costs to the Commonwealth. The sole use of the SURE system may reduce costs for local registrars and will provide a slight cost savings to the Department of Health (related to the safety paper currently used and the postage currently paid for mailing certified copies to counties).

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