



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

PRINTERS NO. 1957

PRIME SPONSOR: Turzai

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund Restricted Account	\$0	Minimal
Public Transportation Assistance Fund	\$0	\$0
Public Transportation Trust Fund	\$0	\$0
Second Class County Port Authority Funds	\$0	See Analysis

SUMMARY: Amends the Second Class County Port Authority Act by eliminating the state-mandated monopoly on transit services in Allegheny County. This legislation would take effect in 90 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the Second Class County Port Authority Act by eliminating provisions that allow a port authority's exclusive control over transportation services within a county of the second class. The bill expands the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to include regulation of all transportation services in counties of the second class, with the exception of transportation service provided by or for a port authority located within a county of the second class.

This legislation would require a port authority within a county of the second class to file a report, within one year of enactment of this legislation and by March 31 each year thereafter, to the Senate and House Consumer Affairs Committees and the Senate and House Transportation Committees identifying several provisions. Some of those provisions include the budget, the total revenues, any labor agreements, total ridership, etc., of the authority.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Public Utility Commission, this legislation will have a minimal fiscal impact on its General Fund Restricted Account which would be contingent upon the number of new common carriers providing transportation services in second class counties. This legislation will have no adverse impact on the Public Transportation Assistance Fund or the Public Transportation Trust Fund. This legislation could have an adverse fiscal impact on Second Class County Port Authority Funds if ridership, senior passenger ridership, vehicle miles, or vehicle hours decrease as a result of increased competition.

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