



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2354

PRINTERS NO. 3898

PRIME SPONSOR: Snyder

### COST / (REVENUE)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund; Clean Air Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2354, Printer's Number 3898, establishes the Pennsylvania Greenhouse Gas Regulation Implementation Act.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill establishes the Pennsylvania Greenhouse Gas Regulation Implementation Act, which requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to receive approval from the General Assembly for a State implementation plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

The bill requires several steps and actions to be taken by DEP when developing the State plan, such as (1) summon and examine witnesses and compel the production and examination of documents and other evidence that may be necessary; (2) conduct at least 4 public hearings in geographically dispersed locations across PA, including locations that would be directly economically affected by the EPA's carbon dioxide regulation; and (3) accept and consider all written and oral testimony provided as part of the deliberations on the State plan. DEP shall also consider other factors, such as partnerships with other states, energy efficiency programs, conservation programs and market-based energy trading programs.

At least 100 days before submission of the State plan to EPA, DEP must submit the plan to the General Assembly for approval. The plan submitted to the General Assembly shall be proposed as a resolution in each chamber; placed on the calendar of each chamber for the next legislative day following transmission; and considered by each chamber within 20 days after transmission.

If each chamber adopts the resolution, DEP may submit the State plan to the EPA for consideration. If either chamber disapproves the resolution, DEP may not submit the State plan to the EPA and shall determine the reasons for disapproval and modify the State plan, resubmit to the General Assembly and, if necessary, request an extension of time from the EPA. In the event that neither chamber votes on the resolution in a timely manner, the State plan shall be deemed approved and submitted to the EPA.

The legislation shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any administrative costs and duties related to preparing the State implementation plan will be covered under DEP's existing operations and funding through the General Fund and Clean Air Fund.

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