



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2507

PRINTERS NO. 4124

PRIME SPONSOR: Miccarelli

COST / (SAVINGS)		
FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Codifies the existing Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission into law under a freestanding act. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation creates the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Act which codifies the existing Pennsylvania Military Community Protection Commission into law but renames the Commission "The Military Community Enhancement Commission". This commission was created by Governor Corbett under Executive Order 2012-12. The Commission shall be established within the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Commission Members: The Commission shall be made up of at least 9 members plus the executive director. Each legislative leader shall appoint 1 member and the Governor shall appoint at least 5 members with specific experience requirements related to military service, military installations, or economic development as it relates to military installations.

Commission members shall be appointed for a term of two years and serve until their respective successors are appointed. A member may be reappointed for additional terms. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Commission members shall not receive compensation for their services, but shall receive reimbursement for their necessary and proper expenses for attendance at meetings.

Commission Staffing: The Office of Executive Director is established within the commission. The office shall be staffed by the executive director, a deputy director and a mid-level administrative officer to fulfill the commission's purpose and responsibilities. Consultants may be employed as deemed necessary by the commission.

The commission shall report its activities no less than quarterly to the Governor or the Governor's designated representative.

Powers and Duties of the Commission: The powers and duties of the commission include:

- 1) Monitoring the activities at the Federal level pertaining to any initiative or proposal that will affect, either positively or negatively, any military installation or organization and defense-related organization in this Commonwealth.
- 2) Establishing a viable and long-term relationship with each military installation, organization and defense-related organization in this Commonwealth.
- 3) Advising on the expansion of economic development opportunities and defense-related industry organizations in public or private sectors in this Commonwealth.
- 4) Educating and engaging the stakeholders at the Federal, State and local levels and in the public and private sectors on the enhancement and preservation of the military installations and organizations and defense-related organizations in this Commonwealth.
- 5) Advocating at the Federal, State and local levels for the enhancement of the military installations and organizations and defense-related organizations in this Commonwealth in order to fully support our nation's military at home and abroad.
- 6) Estimating an annual budget for the commission.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Pennsylvania Military Community Protection Commission currently exists within DCED with an annual budget of \$400,000. This budget includes the salaries and benefits of an executive director and an assistant, travel costs, plus other operating expenses. DCED indicates that no contracts for services have been entered into yet. Since the legislation mandates that a deputy director position be included within the Commission, this requirement would push the total cost of the Commission above its \$400,000 budget. It is indeterminable to predict the salary and benefits of that position, but would likely range between \$120,000 and \$155,000 for the first full year.

This Commission would be subject to the appropriations process and is currently funded out of DCED's General Government Operations (GGO) line item. DCED's GGO line item was funded at \$14.4 million for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.

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