



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 196

PRINTERS NO. 716

PRIME SPONSOR: White

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
Environmental Stewardship Fund	\$0	\$0
Marcellus Legacy Fund	\$0	\$0
PENNVEST Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 196, Printer's Number 716, amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act to ensure consistency with storm water management rules and regulations, as well as expanding funding eligibility for groups other than municipalities. This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority - or PENNVEST - Act (Act 16 of 1988) to revise the definition of project and further clarify best management practices to include those techniques developed to comply with The Clean Streams Law or as identified in Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source Management Program Update, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. It also eliminates the definition of "urban runoff."

It clarifies that storm water projects eligible for financial assistance can include a project designed to ensure compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements and compliance with the Clean Streams Law and the Storm Water Management Act.

The bill also allows for storm water projects to be undertaken and eligible for funding by an entity other than a municipality, such as nonprofits and watershed organizations. It states that the project shall be in compliance with ordinances, policies and plans adopted by the municipality where the project is located, and it shall also be approved by other impacted municipalities.

The bill requires the PENNVEST board to provide the Governor and the General Assembly with an annual report detailing all the funded projects. Each annual report shall be published and maintained on the authority's publicly accessible Internet website and may be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by electronic mail.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The bill does not provide for any additional funding, but rather authorizes entities other than a municipality to be eligible for financial assistance from PENNVEST for storm water projects. Potential sources of funding would include, but not be limited to, the PENNVEST Fund, Marcellus Legacy Fund and Environmental Stewardship Fund.

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