



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

PRINTERS NO. 3865

PRIME SPONSOR: Delozier

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends the PA Construction Code Act (Act 45 of 1999) providing for the formation of municipal boards of appeals and to allow the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) to create, by regulation, a separate “on-the-job” trainee classification for each building code official certification. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation amends the PA Construction Code Act providing for the formation of municipal boards of appeals and to allow L&I to create, by regulation, a separate “on-the-job” trainee classification for each building code official certification.

**Board of Appeals Formation:** The legislation amends section 501(c) of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act to change how a municipal board of appeals is formed by removing the reference to the 1999 Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. National Building Code (BOCA) in favor of regulations by the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I).

**Authority to Establish Program:** This legislation amends Section 701 (“Training of Inspectors”) of the act to add language that gives L&I the authority to promulgate regulations that establish a separate trainee classification for each certification category. The trainee classification will be an optional training program that individuals could utilize to become certified code officials.

**Application Criteria:** An applicant for this program will have to secure the sponsorship of an individual certified in each category for which the individual seeks certification, and sponsors will have to be verified by an affidavit form.

**Program Limitations:** A trainee classification will be non-renewable, and be limited to two years for residential/accessibility certifications, and three years for all other certification categories. Individuals in the program may learn the duties of the certified individual while under the supervision of their sponsor.

**Program Fees/Procedures:** L&I will have the authority to establish fees and applications/registration procedures to establish the program. Individuals who participate in the program will have to be listed on L&I's publically accessible website.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Since L&I has the discretion to create the training program, it would be up to them to create the program and charge the corresponding fees to offset any costs.

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