



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1046

PRINTERS NO. 1357

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 1046, Printer's Number 1357, amends provisions related to the retirement process of Pennsylvania National Guard personnel.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), Section 2313 to change the retired Pennsylvania National Guard promotion honorary process by inserting the word "may" to ensure the process is not guaranteed for all personnel.

This process is further clarified as additional language is inserted requiring promotion only "upon application and recommendation of the next higher level within the eligible retiree's chain of command." It applies to retired Guard members who have served a total of 25 years in the armed forces of the United States, ten years of which includes service in the Pennsylvania National Guard, with additional language included that clarifies it is for those who have served "honorably and with distinction."

An approval process is also established where an application for promotion shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with applicable regulations. The Adjutant General retains final approval authority.

Additional language is included related to the computation of periods of service during deployment, specifically the amount of time deployed outside the continental United States shall be counted as double time. The period of overseas deployment shall be restricted to the calculation for the required years of service in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The bill also states that the retired officers and enlisted personnel are only entitled to wear the uniform, rank insignia and federally recognized grade in accordance with all applicable military uniform regulations.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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