



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 599

PRINTERS NO. 629

PRIME SPONSOR: Dunbar

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$270,000

SUMMARY:

House Bill 599, printer's number 629, creates a freestanding act establishing the Results First Project and providing for data collection and analysis by the Independent Fiscal Office.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation shall be known and cited as the Results First Act and requires the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) to implement and maintain a multidimensional data analyzing system. The IFO shall implement the Pennsylvania Results First Project within one year of the effective date by consulting with a nationally recognized organization that specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a cost-benefit analysis model. The IFO shall provide reports as directed by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

Subject to any applicable limitation provided by law, a data source shall submit data requested by the IFO for use as provided by the act. A data source is defined as any of the following: an office, department, authority, board, multistate agency or commission of the executive branch or an independent agency; the Attorney General; the Auditor General; the Treasury Department; a judicial agency; a legislative agency; and the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. The IFO shall work collaboratively with data sources as necessary to ensure that the data provided is of appropriate content and conforms to practicable format specifications. A data source may not be charged a fee to receive the results generated from data it submits under this section.

The act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The IFO reports that they will need one to two staff positions to get the Results First Project System up and running. Salary, benefits, and operating costs for two analysts are estimated to be \$270,000. The IFO anticipates there may be a need to hire an additional staff person in the future when the system becomes fully operational and workload increases with the model being used to analyze the cost effectiveness of more programs funded by the Commonwealth.

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