



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1941

PRINTERS NO. 2804

PRIME SPONSOR: Saylor

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1941, printer's number 2804, amends the act of April 9, 1929, (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, to further provide for lapsing of funds.

The effective date is immediately after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends Section 621(m) of The Administrative Code to revise the process by which the Secretary of the Budget may waive requirements for the lapsing of unencumbered or unspent funds.

The bill adds subsections to require the Secretary of the Budget to submit specific information to the Chairmen and Minority Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Independent Fiscal Office, and the members of the General Assembly, when the secretary decides to approve an agency request for a waiver to lapse requirements. The submission shall include the all the following information:

- the specific amount, appropriation and fiscal year that the money was appropriated which is the subject of the waiver;
- the subsection of Section 621 which is requested to be waived;
- a description of the purpose of the waiver and how granting the waiver is necessary for the prudent management of the Commonwealth's budget; and
- the contract number of other identifying information for a contract submitted under Chapter 17 of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L. 6, No. 3), known as the Right to Know Law, if applicable.

Amounts subject to a waiver may not be used for the creation of a new or expanded program or initiative. A waiver shall expire on the first day of the fiscal year following the year in which the waiver was granted. No waiver may be granted for amounts appropriated prior to the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the waiver is requested.

The amendment to Section 621(m) shall apply to waivers approved on or after the effective date of the act.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds and may increase the amount of lapsed funding that may be available for expenditure in future fiscal years.

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