



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 748

PRINTERS NO. 2095

PRIME SPONSOR: Argall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 748, Printer's Number 2095, creates the Public Safety Facilities Act to statutorily establish notice and procedural requirements when considering the closing of a public safety facility. This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates the Public Safety Facilities Act that establishes a statutory procedure for consideration of public safety facility closures, which are defined as a state correctional institution operated by Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) or a station operated by Pennsylvania State Police (PSP).

The procedures established include notice requirements, a duty to gather input from stakeholders, and a minimum timeline for the closure process. When the PSP or DOC announces a facility is under consideration for closure, they must allow at least three months during which a hearing must be held and input gathered from stakeholders. At the end of this process a written report must be produced detailing the recommendations from stakeholders. If, after completion of this report, the public entity elects to close the facility it must make the public notifications required in the bill and finish the closure no sooner than four months from this public notification. An exception to this procedure is allowed only if continued use of the facility would present a threat to the life, health, or safety of employees, inmates, or the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. In the event a public safety facility is proposed for closure, the additional duties placed upon the agencies by this legislation could be covered by existing operating funds.

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