



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

PRINTERS NO. 3567

PRIME SPONSOR: Hennessey

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1076 amends the Property Tax Relief Act by making changes to the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program and creating the Senior Tax Reduction Incentive Volunteer Exchange Program. It would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** Current law provides that Property Tax Rent Rebate (PTRR) claims be filed by June 30<sup>th</sup> for property taxes and rents paid in the prior calendar year. PTRR rebates for approved claims must be paid from the Lottery Fund no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup> following the June 30<sup>th</sup> on which such claims may be filed. House Bill 1076 adds language allowing claims for calendar year 2019 to be paid immediately from the Lottery Fund for eligible claimants if funds are available. Additionally, if a claimant received a rebate for the 2018 calendar year, the secretary shall also consider the claim filed for calendar year 2019.

The Senior Tax Reduction Incentive Volunteer Exchange (STRIVE) Program allows school districts to establish a program allowing taxpayers in the school district who are 60 years or older to provide volunteer service to the school district in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bill, not to exceed the amount of real property taxes that are owed. If a school district chooses to establish such a program, it must be done in accordance with the provisions of the chapter added by House Bill 1076. The volunteer services provided by participants in the program may not replace or supplant existing job positions in a school district, and school districts may seek private and public funding sources to support a program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. To the extent a PTRR claim for calendar year 2019 is paid immediately and prior to July 1, 2020, Lottery Fund costs for PTRR rebates will be shifted out of fiscal year 2020-21 and into fiscal year 2019-20.

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