



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2413

PRINTERS NO. 3646

PRIME SPONSOR: Dush

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Special Funds and restricted account	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2413, Printer's Number 3646, amends the Fiscal Code providing for COVID-19 response transfers in order to fund grants for assistance to the Commonwealth's volunteer service organizations and for an appropriation from the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund for Crisis Fire and EMS grants.

ANALYSIS: This legislation authorizes the Budget Secretary to transfer the sum of \$10 million from special funds under the Governor's jurisdiction to a restricted account in order to assist the operations of the Commonwealth's volunteer service organizations related to COVID-19 response. The secretary may not make a transfer if the transfer would result in a deficit in any of the special funds.

The secretary, in consultation with the State Fire Commissioner, shall distribute the funds to each volunteer service organization in the form of a grant equal to the amount of funds available in the restricted account divided by the number of applications received for the grant program under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78, for the application periods beginning on September 1 of calendar year 2017, 2018 or 2019. An agreement or application by a volunteer service organization shall not be required to receive a grant under this subsection.

The Secretary of the Budget shall provide a report to the General Assembly no later than September 30, 2020, detailing all spending related to the COVID-19 response that was made under this program, including the name of each recipient and the dollar amount.

Additionally, this legislation appropriates \$30 million from the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for the purpose of COVID-19 Crisis Fire and EMS grants.

This act takes effect immediately and the authority to transfer funds shall expire on September 30, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Budget to transfer the sum of \$10 million from special funds to a restricted account. Any transfer of funds will result in a loss of revenue to the special fund and an equal amount of revenue gain to the restricted account. Additionally, there will be a \$30 million reduction of revenues in the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund and an increase of \$30 million to PEMA to fund COVID-19 Crisis Fire and EMS grants.

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