



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2437

PRINTERS NO. 3920

PRIME SPONSOR: Stephens

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 2437, Printer's Number 3920, creates the COVID-19 Data Transparency Act. This legislation is effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: HB 2437 requires the PA Department of Health (DOH) to publish long term care facility-specific COVID-19 data on their website. COVID-19 data is defined as the number of recipients and employees who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or died from COVID-19. Facilities are required to report COVID-19 data to and in accordance with the appropriate licensing department in the same manner the facilities currently report serious communicable disease as defined in 28 Pa Code 27.2 (relating to specific identified and reportable diseases, infections, and conditions. DOH is not required to list the specific number of COVID-19 positive cases or deaths if a facility has less than five reported cases or death. Local health departments may also publish the information on their public websites. Facilities required to report COVID-19 data include long-term care nursing facilities, hospices, personal care homes and assisted living residences.

The bill requires the DOH to summarize the infection control measures taken by each facility to mitigate the spread of the virus in accordance with infection control and isolation protocols each facility currently reports to their licensing agency.

FISCAL IMPACT: There should be no fiscal impact related to this legislation as COVID-19 data is already being collected but only disseminated publicly at an aggregate level by county.

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