



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2487

PRINTERS NO. 3772

PRIME SPONSOR: Ryan

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General, Special, Federal & Restricted Operating Funds	\$0	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2487, printer's number 3772, amends the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L. 160, No. 39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, to provide for cost-of-living adjustment hiatus, and making a repeal.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends the Public Official Compensation Law to provide a hiatus in the annual cost of living adjustment for judges, members of the General Assembly, elected officers of the Commonwealth and Executive department heads for the annual periods beginning either December 1, 2020, or January 1, 2021. Notice of the annual cost of living adjustment hiatus provisions shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

The bill defines "salaried officers of the Commonwealth" to have the same meaning as in section 16(a) of Article V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania (relating to justices, judges, and justices of the peace). A repeal of 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(b) is included insofar as it is inconsistent with the provisions of the act that address judicial salaries and cost-of-living adjustments. A severability clause is included relating to the cost-of-living hiatus for judicial salaries and salaried officers of the commonwealth and the repeal of sections of Title 42.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will reduce costs to the Commonwealth to the extent that the annual cost-of-living salary adjustments are prevented. The annual cost of living adjustments are based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area for the most recent 12month period reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect. The cost-of-living adjustment that was effective December 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020 was based on CPI-U of 1.9%, resulting in a cost of approximately \$3,170,000 for salaries for the affected positions.

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