



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2549

PRINTERS NO. 4077

PRIME SPONSOR: Everett

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Allows a county to pass a resolution to move to a "green plus" phase of reopening after being in the Governor's designated "green" phase of reopening for at least 14 days. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Administrative Code to add a new Article I-A relating to COVID-19 Countywide Reopening Plan for Businesses. Section 102-A of the Article provides the criteria to transfer to green plus phase.

Eligibility: A county which has been designated by executive action to be in the Green Phase may, after 14 days in the Green Phase, transfer to the Green Plus Phase if:

- The county has not experienced a significant increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in that 14-day period.
- The governing body of the designated county determines that it is in the best interests of the residents of the county to move to the Green Plus Phase.
- The governing body of the designated county determines that there are sufficient medical assets available to address the number of COVID-19 cases anticipated based on the historical rate of cases in the county.
- The governing body of the designated county determines that there is sufficient testing in the county to monitor public health indicators and adjust orders and restrictions as necessary to ensure the spread of disease remains at a minimum.

Process: The governing body of a designated county which meets the above eligibility requirements may, by resolution, transfer the designation of the county from the Green Phase to the Green Plus Phase.

Reopening of Businesses: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing body of a county that transitions to the Green Plus Phase may develop and implement a countywide reopening plan for businesses subject to closure by the Governor due to the spread of COVID-19 which shall require that businesses implement, to the extent possible, applicable guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would permit all Pennsylvania counties, currently in the Green Phase, to move to a new Green Plus Phase which would allow them to individually create a business reopening plan. To the extent these counties permit the expansion of business activities, this would allow businesses to generate additional revenue and income, thus allowing the Commonwealth to realize additional revenues.

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