



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 585

PRINTERS NO. 946

PRIME SPONSOR: Corman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 585, Printer's Number 946, establishes the Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission to review and make recommendations to promote and strengthen the Commonwealth's dairy industry.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates a new chapter in Title 3 (Agriculture) to establish the Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission to review and make recommendations to promote and strengthen the Commonwealth's dairy industry. It shall address the following areas: processing, production and marketing; current issues; statutory, regulatory and local government impacts; and other aspects identified by the commission.

The commission shall be comprised of the following members: Secretaries of Agriculture, Community and Economic Development, Revenue, Transportation and Environmental Protection, or their designees; the chairmen and minority chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees, or their designees; representatives of the various organizations including the Milk Marketing Board, the Center for Dairy Excellence, the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania State Grange, and the Center for Rural PA; one person each appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the House Minority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader; and two people each appointed by the Senate Majority Leader and the House Majority Leader.

The chairperson shall be appointed by the commission and the first meeting shall take place within 45 days of the bill's effective date, while subsequent meetings will be held at the call of the chairperson. Commission members do not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

The department shall provide administrative support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the commission to carry out the commission's duties under this chapter. The department shall also provide the commission with data, research and other information upon request by the commission.

The commission shall review and make recommendations on policy and operations of the state on dairy issues, consult with experts, hold hearings, recommend proposed legislative and regulatory changes and issue a report on the commission's findings. The report shall be issued to the Governor and General Assembly not later than one year after the effective date of this section.

This legislation would take effect in 30 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. As outlined in the bill, the Department of Agriculture will provide administrative support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the commission to carry out its duties. Administrative and operating costs related to the commission are expected to be covered under the department's General Government Operations appropriation which received \$32.2 million in FY2018-19. The department projects travel reimbursements for commission members to be approximately \$50,000 annually assuming six meetings, but future commission meetings are not guaranteed and will be held at the call of the chairperson as stated in the bill.

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