



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 750

PRINTERS NO. 1188

PRIME SPONSOR: Scarnati

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 750, Printer's Number 1188, requires the Department of General Services to transfer the authority of the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929) to authorize and direct the Department of General Services (DGS) to transfer the authority of the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion located at Fort Indiantown Gap, within twelve months of the effective date of this section through a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). The mansion shall then be used for purposes of supporting Pennsylvania's veterans programs and the National Guard to include current and survivor families.

It also requires DGS to maintain the mansion prior to the transfer of authority over the property, including making or supervising all necessary repairs, alterations and improvements in and about the grounds of the mansion.

This legislation would take effect in 30 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation would have no immediate impact on Commonwealth funds but could result in a savings to the General Fund after the property is transferred to the DMVA. The annual operating costs for the mansion were approximately \$420,000 when functioning as the Lieutenant Governor's residence. The bill also directs DGS to maintain the mansion and make any repairs, alterations and improvements prior to its transfer to DMVA. DGS has reported that roof repairs for the mansion are projected to be \$10,000, while additional costs and improvements may be necessary upon inspection. After the property is transferred from DGS, the DMVA is expected to incur similar personnel and operating costs related to general utilities, maintenance and landscaping which totaled approximately \$113,000 annually.

The bill also requires that the mansion shall be used for purposes supporting Pennsylvania's veterans programs and the National Guard to include current and survivor families. DMVA reports that it will assess the property to determine how to meet these uses. Federal military

funding could cover related operation and maintenance costs associated with the property depending on the activities to be offered at the facility, which would likely require 50% state matching funds.

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