



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1110

PRINTERS NO. 2107

PRIME SPONSOR: K. Ward

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1110, Printer's Number 2107, amends the Disease Prevention and Control Act. This legislation would be effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: SB 1110 adds a definition of "aerosolized transmission" and requires the administrator of a health care facility or personal care home, during a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor that is based on a communicable disease, to promptly report the incidence of the communicable disease to the local board or department of health that serves the municipality where the patient or resident resides or to the Department of Health (DOH) if required by regulation.

The legislation creates a new Section 15.1 (Confidentiality Provisions During Disaster Emergency) to provide for confidentiality provisions during a declared emergency disaster prompted by a communicable disease transmitted through aerosolized means. Within 24 hours of notification, DOH or the local board or department of health shall release the address of a confirmed case of the communicable disease to the public safety answering point that will provide the address to law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical providers, coroners and medical examiners called to perform an essential job function during a disaster emergency.

DOH may disclose additional information to protect public health and safety and prevent the spread of the communicable disease through aerosolized transmission and shall consider all of the following: requests for data from the General Assembly; factors that contribute to increased risk of contracting the communicable disease by an individual including but not limited to age, gender, race or area of residency; and applicable federal and state privacy and confidentiality requirements. The confidentiality provisions of Section 15.1 do not apply to a cities or counties of the first class during the disaster proclamation issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020 and any subsequent renewals.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. DOH currently collects and reports COVID-19 data from its Pennsylvania

National Electronic Disease Surveillance System. Costs related to fulfilling the duties of SB 1110 should be able to be accommodated within existing available funding.

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