



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 803

PRINTERS NO. 1024

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neal

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 803, Printer's Number 1024, establishes the Keystone State Challenge Academy Account for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Chapter 98 of Title 51 (Military Affairs) to establish the Keystone State Challenge Academy Account as a nonlapsing restricted receipts account in the General Fund, which shall include appropriations and transfers from the General Fund, special funds, Federal funds and other sources of revenue made available.

All money deposited into the account and the interest the fund accrues are appropriated to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) on a continuing basis for the purposes under the chapter. Monies in the account shall be allocated no later than October 31, 2021, and each October 31 thereafter.

Beginning September 30, 2021, and each September 30 thereafter, the agency shall submit a written report and annual audit each required under the current program to the four chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations, Education and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees. The written report shall provide details on the revenues and expenditures of the account in the prior fiscal year and the identification and description of activities, programs and projects which received money from the account.

The bill also requires the department to adopt a statement of policy directing the maintenance and use of the account and share the policy with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The policy shall not be subject to review under the Commonwealth Documents Law (Act 240 of 1968), the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (Act 164 of 1980) and the Regulatory Review Act (Act 181 of 1982).

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. The National Guard Youth Challenge program is supported in DMVA's current year budget with an appropriation of \$1.493 million and is proposed to receive \$1.4 million for FY 2021-22.

The non-lapsing restricted receipts account will ensure consistent funding is available for the operations and services of the academy; match available federal National Guard funding (which provides 75 percent of the operation funding); and establish a repository for additional potential revenues received such as from foundations, grant programs, non-profits, businesses or persons.

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