



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1598

PRINTERS NO. 1763

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1598, Printer's Number 1763, amends the Flood Plain Management Act to transfer administration of the program to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Flood Plain Management Act (Act 166 of 1978) to transfer the administration of the act to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), which was formerly the Department of Community Affairs as referenced in the act. It also updates and changes references in the bill from the Department of Environmental Resources to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which was renamed and reorganized in 1995.

With the amended changes, the bill makes PEMA the lead and sole agency responsible for administering the Flood Plain Management Act and working directly with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and DEP maintains its consultation role to review and approve all municipal flood plain management regulations for the purpose of assuring the regulations comply with the National Flood Insurance Program.

The bill also deletes Section 602 that provided one-time appropriations to the Departments of Community Affairs and Environmental Protection respectively in FY 1978-79.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The bill makes PEMA the agency solely responsible for working directly with FEMA, administering the Flood Plain Management Act, managing related programs such as the National Flood Insurance Program, and managing floodplain management programs and all fieldwork with local municipalities. Having one agency responsible for the act is projected to improve program coordination and management, reduce administrative and operational costs, and possibly result in additional federal funds being available to the Commonwealth when addressing hazard mitigation and disaster assistance issues.

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