



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1823

PRINTERS NO. 2370

PRIME SPONSOR: Thomas

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1823, Printer's Number 2370, amends the History Code to clarify the operation and duties of Washington Crossing Historic Park by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 37 (Historical and Museums) by adding a new Section 704.1 entitled "Washington Crossing Historic Park" which states that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) shall operate Washington Crossing Historic Park upon transfer from the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission (PHMC). The bill outlines the following:

- (A) All of the powers, duties, functions, funds, assets, books, records and any other documents and real and personal property of the PHMC dedicated or associated with the operation and management of Washington Crossing are transferred to DCNR; and
- (B) the DCNR shall operate Washington Crossing Historic Park and manage the visitor center and adjoining buildings of Washington Crossing Historic Park.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment with retroactive application to June 28, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. This bill formally establishes the operating relationship that has been in place since April 2016 when DCNR and PHMC executed an interagency agreement for the transfer of the park to the Bureau of State Parks (BSP) when it became Pennsylvania's 121st state park. DCNR currently has a budget of approximately \$1.3 million for FY2021-22 to support the operating and personnel costs of Washington Crossing Historic Park.

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