



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2449

PRINTERS NO. 3047

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillespie

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2449, printer's number 3047, amends the Legislative Officers and Employees Law, providing for the electronic posting of expenses.

This act shall take effect January 2, 2023.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds a section to the Legislative Officers and Employees Law to require the Chief Clerk and the comptroller of the House of Representatives to provide a quarterly list of expenses to be published online for any money appropriated specifically to and allocated under a specific symbol number for allowable expenses of members of the House of Representatives. Expenses shall include the following:

- Per diems for each member of the House of Representatives.
- Travel expenses (mileage, miscellaneous transportation, common carrier travel, car rentals, lodging and restaurant charges).
- Administrative, clerical, and professional services for legislative business.
- Rent for legislative office space, office supply purchases, postage, phone services, printing services, and office equipment rental.
- Official entertainment, including restaurant and beverage charges.
- Purchase of flags, plaques, publications, photographic services, books, and other similar items in connection with legislative activities.
- Communications and donations in extending congratulations or sympathy.

The following information shall be included on the list of required expenses:

- The date the expense was paid.
- To whom the expense was paid, the amount of the expense, and the nature of the goods, services, or other purpose for which the expense was made.
- The appropriation account from which the expense was made, the name of the individual requesting the expense, and the name of the individual authorizing the expense.

The House Bipartisan Management Committee may add or remove an item from the list of expenses required to be published. Any changes made to the list of expenses required to be published shall be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. If the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives determines that a portion of the expenses or information should not be provided, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives may redact that portion of the expenses or information.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation may result in increased administrative costs for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. However, the provisions of the bill may also result in a reduction in the amount of Right-to-Know requests.

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**DATE:** April 26, 2022

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