



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1300

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Table with 3 columns: FUND, FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25. Rows include General Fund, Tobacco Settlement Fund, Race Horse Development Fund, State Gaming Fund, Judicial Department Operations Augmentation Account, Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund, Unemployment Compensation Contribution Fund, and School Safety and Security Fund.

SUMMARY: House Bill 1300, Printer's Number 2107, amends The Fiscal Code, providing for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget implementation and other changes.

ANALYSIS & FISCAL IMPACT:

Article I-C. Emergency COVID-19 Response

- Department of Community and Economic Development – Whole Home Repairs (Section 135-C)
o Continues the program.
Department of Education – Declined and unclaimed allocations (Section 148-C)
o Requires PDE to determine the amount of declined or unclaimed federal ARPA money by local education agencies and allows the Budget Secretary to transfer up to \$26 million of the aggregate amount of unclaimed or declined ARPA money to a restricted account for PDE to use to provide performance monitoring of ARPA funds
Department of Human Services – Adult mental health program funding (Section 164-C)
o Funding appropriated for adult mental health will be allocated as follows:
- \$34 million for workforce related programs,
- \$31.5 million for expanding criminal justice and public safety programs, and
- \$34.5 million for programs that strengthen and expand mental health services and supports.
o The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee will complete a study on the impacts of the initiatives supported by this funding. The results of the study must be submitted by June 30, 2027.

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated.

Article I-F.1. Tenant Protections

The bill prohibits any portion of the Senior Citizens' property tax and rent rebate assistance from being used as part of a lease or agreement. For landlords who violate this section, the penalties include full reimbursement of any portion assigned or otherwise used as payment from the tenant to the landlord. The landlord must pay an additional penalty of 25% of the total amount of payment to which the tenant was entitled to the Department of Revenue. The penalty shall also bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from the date of imposition until paid in full to the department. The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of this section.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact of this section is currently indeterminate. Any penalties collected by the Department of Revenue and increased workload to the Attorney General would be determined by the extent to which this section is violated.

Article I-K. 911 Emergency Communication Services

Section 102-K sets the surcharge for 911 services to expire effective December 31, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision would have no immediate adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. However, the 911 assessments that would expire on December 31, 2024 generated \$331.3 million in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Article I-L. Medical Debt Relief

This Article establishes a Medical Debt Relief Program in the Department of Health. The department will use funding appropriated for this program to purchase and discharge medical debt for eligible individuals. The department will contract with a medical debt relief coordinator that will have the responsibility to review medical debt accounts from eligible residents from commercial debt collection agencies and health care providers, and that coordinator may purchase the bad debt accounts and will discharge the medical debt.

The department shall develop uniform application forms for financial assistance and make them available to hospitals and the general public.

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated.

Article I-M. Institutions of Purely Public Charity

The addition of Article I-M provides that an institution shall be considered to benefit a substantial and indefinite class of persons who are legitimate subjects of charity for state tax purposes if:

- It is a domestic fraternal society, order, or association that has been in the Commonwealth for at least 100 years, has not been issued a liquor license, qualifies for a federal tax exemption, and is operating under a lodge system where the net earnings are devoted to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and fraternal purposes; or
- The institution is a title-holding organization that qualifies for a federal tax exemption that is wholly owned or controlled by one or more qualifying domestic fraternal organizations.

Fiscal Impact: The provision will result in qualifying domestic fraternal societies, orders, or associations becoming tax exempt in the commonwealth, which would reduce state revenues. The fiscal impact of exempting these organizations from state taxation would depend on the actual number of organizations that meet the criteria and their tax liability in a given tax year. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this provision is currently indeterminate.

Article II-A. Cigarette Sales and Licensing

The addition of Section 234-A increases the presumed cost of doing business by a retailer of cigarettes based

on the following schedule:

- Prior to January 1, 2024, 7 percent;
- Beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 9 percent;
- Beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, 10 percent;
- Beginning January 1, 2026, 11 percent; and
- Beginning January 1, 2027, and thereafter, 12 percent.

The section also modifies the presumed cost of doing business by a stamping agent making the sale of cigarettes based on the following schedule:

- Prior to January 1, 2024, 1.7 percent;
- Beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 2 percent; and
- Beginning January 1, 2025, and thereafter, 2.5 percent.

Finally, the section increases the presumed cost of doing business by a wholesaler making the sale of cigarettes based on the following schedule:

- Prior to January 1, 2024, 4 percent;
- Beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 6 percent; and
- Beginning January 1, 2025, and thereafter, 7 percent.

Fiscal Impact: These provisions are not expected to have an adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. It is likely the decreases in consumption will offset the incremental increases in minimum pricing.

Article II-F. Indigent Defense

This section establishes the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency, the duties and responsibilities of the committee, and the funding for the committee.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this section will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The General Appropriations Act of 2023 includes \$7.5 million for Indigent Defense.

Section 1601.2-E. Oil and Gas Lease Fund

The bill eliminates the Oil & Gas Lease Fund transfer to Marcellus Legacy Fund and then to the Environmental Stewardship Fund for 2023/24.

Fiscal Impact: The enacted of this section would prevent the transfer of \$10.5 million for 2023/24 from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the Marcellus Legacy Fund, resulting in savings of \$10.5 million to the Oil and Gas Lease Fund and a cost of \$10.5 million to the Marcellus Legacy Fund.

Section 1607-M. Designated Municipal Agent and Authorized Salvor for City of the First Class

This section designates the Philadelphia Parking Authority as the designated municipal agent and authorized salvor for the City of Philadelphia.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1608-M. Operation as Taxicab

This section prohibits the following from being used as a taxicab:

- combustion engine vehicles who are more than 10 model years old;
- alternative fuel vehicles who are more than 12 model years old; or
- vehicle which has been driven more than 350,000 miles

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVI-Q.1. Transportation Pilot Programs

- Electric Low-Speed Scooter Pilot Program (created under 21/22 Fiscal Code)
 - Requires the City of Pittsburgh to adopt an ordinance and executive order authorizing the program by December 31, 2023

- Micro-mobility Pilot Project
 - An executive order by the City of Pittsburgh may be issued to authorize the use of electric low-speed scooters under a micro-mobility project, for use within the city boundaries
 - An individual operating an electric low-speed scooter shall be subject to provisions of Title 75 (Vehicles), Chapter 35 (Special Vehicles and Pedestrians), Subchapter A (Operation of Pedalcycles)
 - Age requirements
 - An individual under 16 years of age may not operate an electric low-speed scooter
 - A commercial electric scooter enterprise may not rent an electric low-speed scooter to an individual under 16 years of age
 - Other requirements
 - Speed – an electric low-speed scooter may not be operated on a pedalcycle lane on a highway, a roadway, or pedalcycle path at a speed greater than 15 mph
 - Lamps/Reflectors – each low-speed scooter operated between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with white light on the front and red light on the back
 - Highway use is prohibited
 - Sidewalk operation is not allowed, unless the electric low-speed scooter is docked in a designated parking area
- Powers of the Department and Local Authorities
 - This article does not prevent PennDOT, on state highways, or Local Police, on city streets, from exercising their powers
- Safety
 - If a micro-mobility pilot project includes the use of a highway, PennDOT may restrict access, either permanently or temporarily, if a pattern of safety issues has been identified
- An ordinance, regulation, or policy for the safety, operation, and management of electric low-speed scooters, adopted by the City of Pittsburgh is to include:
 - Operating guidance
 - Data management and reporting
 - Public awareness and participation
 - Violations and enforcement
 - Fare Structure
 - Insurance
 - Requirements for the collection and return of abandoned shared electric low-speed scooters
 - Enforcement mechanisms related to reports of abandoned scooters and collection of fines
 - Establishment of citizen’s complaint hotline
- Electric low-speed scooters shall not be required to comply with certificate of title registration requirements and shall not be deemed motor vehicles
- Report requirement - Sixty (sixty) days prior to the expiration of the Micro-mobility Pilot Program, the City of Pittsburgh is required to submit a report the Chairperson of the House and Senate Transportation Committees, which includes:
 - Number of rides/accidents/abandoned electric low-speed scooters/fines
- Financial Responsibility requirement – the City of Pittsburgh shall require a commercial electric scooter enterprise to:
 - Maintain insurance for the duration of the micro-mobility pilot project, as follows:
 - Commercial general liability coverage with a limit of at least \$2 million for each occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate
 - Automobile insurance coverage with a limit of at least \$1 million for each occurrence and \$1 million in the aggregate
 - Worker’s compensation coverage, no less than required by law

- Fines and Penalty requirements
 - City of Pittsburgh or an authorized municipality may impose a fine up to \$50 for failing to operate a shared low-speed scooter consistent with provisions of this article
 - City of Pittsburgh or an authorized municipality may impose a fine up to \$150 for failing to park a shared electric low-speed scooter consistent with provisions of this article
 - City of Pittsburgh may impose a fine on a commercial electric scooter enterprise of up to \$150 per day for each abandoned shared electric low-speed scooter that is not collected and returned to a corral or storage area within three hours of abandonment
 - City of Pittsburgh may impose a civil penalty on a commercial electric scooter enterprise that does not provide required insurance coverage, as required by this article, not to exceed \$1,000 per day
- Expiration
 - This Article shall expire one year after the effective date of this section

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1602-O. Statewide Quality Care Assessment

This section re-authorizes the Statewide Quality Care Assessment for an additional five fiscal years to sunset on June 30, 2028. Revenue received from this assessment is used to maintain access to hospital services for individuals enrolled into the commonwealth’s Medical Assistance (MA) Program by making payments to hospitals through both the MA Fee-for-Service and managed care programs.

Fiscal Impact: The Statewide Quality Care Assessment saves the state General Fund \$368 million for FY 2023/24 which was already assumed in the enacted budget. Without re-authorizing this Assessment funding for certain appropriations that took into consideration this saving may require a supplemental appropriation for FY 2023/24. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to commonwealth for FY 2023/24. Beginning with FY 2024/25, the savings to the state General Fund will be \$452 million.

Section 1610-T. Payment Increase for Dental Services

From funds appropriated for MA – Capitation, \$24 million in state funds shall be used to increase dental services rate for specific dental services effective January 1, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated.

Section 1611-T. Abrogation of Department Procurement

This section requires the Department of Human Services to withdraw the pending procurement for the medical assistance transportation program.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVI-W. Authority of Attorney General and Director of Bureau of Consumer Protection

This section allows the Attorney General or his or her authorized representative or employee to use documentary material or copies of documentary material pursuant to a demand under section 919 of the Administrative Code of 1929 as necessary in the enforcement of any civil laws related to the powers and duties granted to the Attorney General, including:

- sharing the documentary material with a Federal or State agency or their duly authorized representatives or employees that may be assisting in the investigation of the subject matter of the subpoena
- presentation in a subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this section will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVI-X.1. Mixed-Use Revitalization

This section establishes the Mixed-Use Revitalization Fund Program in the Department of Community and Economic Development. This program is to provide grant funding to increase corridor mixed-use development, including affordable housing opportunities and also provide financing for projects including the acquisition, redevelopment and revitalization of blighted properties, including existing and former malls. The Program also provides standards for eligibility, payment and repayment obligations, and reporting. The Fund shall be established in the State Treasury.

Article XVI-Y. Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Council

This article requires the Department of Aging to maintain the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Council and add one member to the Council from the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Fiscal Impact: As this Council is already in operation, current appropriations enacted in the General Appropriations Act would be sufficient to cover costs associated with the Council. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the commonwealth.

Section 1702-A. Rainy Day Fund

This section directs that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no more than \$500 million of the surplus in the General Fund for the 2022/23 fiscal year shall be deposited into the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Fiscal Impact: This provision establishes a cap of \$500 million on the transfer made from the 2022/23 budget surplus in the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, but it does not require that this amount be transferred. Based on the \$411.6 million transfer already made, an additional \$88.4 million is available for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Section 1777-A. Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget

This section extends the duration of payments under section 4 of the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget Itemization by two years. The section also continues the annual allocations in the same under the same section.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact of this provision is currently indeterminate.

Section 1712-A.1. Tobacco Settlement Fund

This section maintains the same distributions from the Tobacco Settlement Fund as the 2022/23 fiscal year. The allocations are:

- 4.5%, reflecting \$16.2 million, for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs;
- 8.82%, reflecting \$31.8 million, for health research;
- \$1.0 million (0.28%) for spinal cord injury research programs;
- 2.62%, reflecting \$9.5 million, for pediatric cancer research;
- 0.87%, reflecting \$3.2 million, for biotechnology research capital and equipment grants;
- 1%, reflecting \$3.6 million, for health and related research;
- 8.18%, reflecting \$29.5 million, for the uncompensated care payment program;
- 30%, reflecting \$108.1 million, for the Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities Program; and
- 43.72%, reflecting \$157.5 million, to be separately appropriated for health-related programs.

Fiscal Impact: The transfer from the General Fund to the Tobacco Settlement Fund from Cigarette Tax revenue for debt service is \$115.3 million for 2023/24. The overall percentage allocations for health-related programs from the Tobacco Settlement Fund will be \$360.2 million in 2023/24.

Section 1723-A.1. Race Horse Development Fund

Authorizes the transfer of \$9.309 million from the PA Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF) for disbursement to the Animal Health Commission, the PA Veterinary Laboratory System, PA Fairs, and the State Farm Products Show Fund for 2023/24. (new reduced amount)

For 2023/24, \$10.066 million will be transferred from the PA Racehorse Development Fund to the State Racing Fund to cover costs of enforcement of equine medication rules testing

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of these provisions will provide \$9.309 million for agricultural-related programs and \$10.066 million for enforcement of medication rules in horse racing for 2023/24

Article XVII-A.1 Subarticle G – Enhanced Revenue Collections Account (Repeal)

The bill repeals Subarticle G, which provides for the Enhanced Revenue Collections Account (ERCA) as a restricted account within the General Fund for the Department of Revenue to support refund avoidance, expanded tax return reviews, and tax collection activities within the department.

Fiscal Impact: The elimination of ERCA is estimated to increase revenue for the General Fund by \$21.1 million, which is offset by increased appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Revenue for continuation of these expanded tax collection activities.

Article XVII-A.2 Subarticle C – Sports, Marketing, and Tourism Account

The bill makes multiple changes to the Sports Tourism and Marketing Account, including revising its name to the Sports, Marketing and Tourism Account.

The definition of eligible applicant is revised to include a nonprofit entity that has been designated to manage and organize an international sporting event. International sporting event is defined to be a sporting event in Philadelphia as well as other cities that is no less than 25 days in length, having at least 5 competition days in the commonwealth and will attract teams from no fewer than 40 countries.

The use of funds with the account is expanded to include promotion of business, tourism, and tourism activities in the commonwealth. The Department of Community and Economic Development may award \$10 million to an eligible applicant for costs related to conducting an international sporting event and use \$15 million for a statewide marketing strategy.

The bill also provides that eligible applicants would not be prohibited from receiving an award for each separate high-quality amateur or professional sporting and e-sporting event for which the applicant has submitted an application to the department.

The bill transfers \$25 million from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the account for 2023/24. The bill also provides for annual funding for the Sports, Marketing and Tourism Account equal to the greater of 5 percent of the revenue generated from the Sports Wagering Tax or \$2.5 million, with a maximum annual transfer of \$5 million.

Fiscal Impact: This provision will result in \$25.0 million being transferred from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the Sports, Marketing, and Tourism Account in 2023/24. In addition, up to \$5.0 million from Sports Wagering Tax revenue in the General Fund will annually be transferred to the Sports, Marketing, and Tourism Account.

Section 1741-A.2. Facility Transition Account

This section establishes the Facility Transition Account to receive deposits from money appropriated to the State System of Higher Education for facility transition. PASSHE must use the funds to make timely defeasement payments on the bonds issued in connection with PennWest University.

Article XVII-A.2 Subarticle F. Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund

This section transfers \$87.75 million to the UC Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund from revenues ordinarily directed to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, but stipulates that any of these funds unexpended by 12/31/23 be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will increase the contributions from the Unemployment Compensation Contribution Fund to the Unemployment Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund by \$66.8 million over the 2023/24 fiscal year. There is currently no positive balance in the Unemployment Compensation Contribution Fund.

Section 1761-A.2. School Environmental Repairs Program Restricted Account

This section requires the Secretary of the Budget to transfer up to \$75 million of prior year money in the general government operations accounts of agencies under the governor's jurisdiction to the new School Environmental Repairs Program Restricted Account.

Fiscal Impact: This section may reduce prior year money in the general government operations accounts of agencies under the governor's jurisdiction by up to \$75 million.

Section 1712-E. Executive Offices

- Funding appropriated for violence prevention shall be used to provide grants to:
 - Community-based Organizations
 - Institutions of Higher Education
 - Municipalities
 - District Attorneys
 - Other entities in accordance with the Public-School Code
- Deposit of costs, into the Local Victim Services Fund established in each County, associated with the Crime Victim's Act, shall apply to all costs regardless of:
 - Date of the crime
 - When the offender was placed on:
 - probation or parole
 - accelerated rehabilitative disposition
 - probations without verdict
 - intermediate punishment
- Deposit of fees, into the County Supervision Fee restricted account, associated with the Crime Victim's Act, shall apply to all fees regardless of:
 - When the offender was placed on:
 - probation or parole
 - accelerated rehabilitative disposition
 - probations without verdict
 - intermediate punishment

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this section will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1718-E. Department of Agriculture

Bars the use of money appropriated from the Motor License Fund to the Department of Agriculture for mitigation of dust and sediment control on land owned or otherwise under the control of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1719-E. Department of Community and Economic Development

- Updates language surrounding the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, including:
 - Allows the Department to approve a substitution of one or more parcels designed under the Act for other parcels creating a new subzone if the new subzone is substantially similar in acreage and adjacent to the original subzone.
 - Requires a business entity making a capital investment of more than \$25,000 on the new subzone to verify with the Department of Labor and Industry that individuals employed by the taxpayer or any contractor or subcontractor of the taxpayer for construction were paid the prevailing minimum wage rate.
 - A business operating within any portion of any real property designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone under the Act which would qualify as a "qualified business" under the Act,

and any owner of any portion of the real property shall be entitled to the same Commonwealth tax benefits and relief as if the real property in question was entirely designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone if it meets certain requirements:

- Be within a city and county of the first class
- Be at least 1,200 acres in the aggregate
- Be entirely owned by one city
- Have over 50% of its acreage designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone.
- Provides the criteria for the Department to create additional Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zones.
- Creates the Minority Business Development Fund within the PA Minority Business Development Authority to provide low interest loans, or equity, or gap financing, to businesses own by ethnic minorities, for:
 - Equity and patient capital
 - Gap financing
 - Soft loans and predevelopment

Fiscal Impact: Changes to the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act may have a fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds, but exact figures are indeterminable at this time. Creation of the Minority Business Development Fund has no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated.

Section 1720-E. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

This section requires that DCNR continues to provide access to the Regional ATV pilot area for at least 2024 and 2025. In addition, the department shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the department's ATV pilot area, starting in December 2023 and every three years thereafter.

This section also bars the use of money appropriated from the Motor License Fund to the Department for mitigation of dust and sediment control on land owned or otherwise under the control of the Pennsylvania Game Commission (\$7M annual appropriation).

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1722-E. Department of Education

This section provides for the distribution of the \$100 million appropriated in the 2023/24 budget for COVID Relief ARPA School Mental Health Grant as follows:

- \$5 million to PHEAA for the School-based Mental Health Internship Grant Program
- \$5 million to PDE for to use for the training of school based mental health professionals and to establish pathways to certification for school based mental health professionals
- \$90 million to school entities for a wide range of eligible uses related to school safety and mental health:
 - Each school district receives \$100,000 and a prorated share of about \$17.6 million based upon average daily membership
 - Each intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, approved private school and chartered school for the education of the deaf and the blind shall receive \$70,000

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated. The fiscal impact to school entities is an additional \$90 million in revenue.

Section 1725-E. Department of Health

The department may approve and certify an accredited medical school as an academic clinical research center under the Medical Marijuana Act.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the commonwealth for this section.

Section 1729-E. Department of Human Services

\$25 million from money appropriated for Child-Care Services shall be allocated to apply an income limit for subsidized child care during the redetermination of eligibility to no more than 300% of the federal poverty income guidelines or 85% of the state median income, whichever is lower.

The department has authority to impose a fee of \$35 for each child support case for individuals that have never received assistance under child support and from whom the commonwealth has collected at least \$550 of support in the Federal fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact: The General Appropriations Act of 2023 includes \$271.9 million in state funds for the continuation of the Child-Care Services. Additionally, this section allows the department to impose a fee on certain child support cases. As funding has been appropriated for Child-Care Services and the fee imposed by this section was already considered in the enacted 2023/24 budget, this section has no fiscal impact to the commonwealth.

Section 1733-E. Pennsylvania State Police

The bill contains new language adjusting the State Police trooper cap to 4,410, up from the current cap of 4,310. As with the current cap, officers and enlisted members assigned to the Turnpike, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, gaming enforcement and liquor control enforcement do not count against the cap.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1735-E. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

The bill requires that PEMA carry out duties and allocate funds for emergency preparedness for owned animals, specifically related to avian flu preparedness. It requires PEMA to provide \$250,000 annually to an animal response team for planning, developing, and maintaining animal response and rescue capabilities. Owned animals is defined as a pet or agricultural commodity.

Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this provision will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth as the costs will be accommodated within the General Appropriations Act of 2023.

Section 1795.1-E. Surcharges

The bill extends the \$10 and \$11.25 judicial surcharges used for the operation of the judicial department. The surcharges collected under this paragraph will be deposited into the Judicial Department Operations Augmentations Account. The surcharges are reauthorized until July 31, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: The reauthorized surcharges generate approximately \$49.5 million in annual revenue for the Unified Judicial System to be used for general fund operations. Enactment of this section will generate approximately \$41.25 million in 2023/24 and \$49.5 million in 2024/25.

Section 1795.2-E. Deposit into School Safety and Security Fund (Repealed)

The bill repeals the \$15 million transfer from Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account into the School Safety and Security Fund

Fiscal Impact: Repealing the transfer from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account into the School Safety and Security Fund will have no net impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1798.1-E. Federal and Commonwealth Use of Forest Land

The bill provides for the increase to Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOTS) annual charges related to real property owned by:

- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:

- From \$2.00 to \$2.40 per acre for each county where the real property is located
 - \$1.20 paid by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - \$1.20 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund
- From \$2.00 to \$2.40 per acre for schools in each school district where the real property is located
 - \$1.20 paid by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - \$1.20 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund
- From \$2.00 to \$2.40 per acre for the township where the real property is located
 - \$1.20 paid by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - \$1.20 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund
- Pennsylvania Game Commission or Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
 - From \$1.20 to \$2.40 per acre for each county where the real property is located
 - \$0.40 paid by the Commonwealth Agency which owns the property
 - \$2.00 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund
 - From \$1.20 to \$2.40 per acre for schools in each school district where the real property is located
 - \$0.40 paid by the Commonwealth Agency which owns the property
 - \$2.00 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund
 - From \$1.20 to \$2.40 per acre for the township where the real property is located
 - \$0.40 paid by the Commonwealth Agency which owns the property
 - \$2.00 paid by slot machine revenues deposited into the State Gaming Fund

Fiscal Impact: The increased annual charges for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Game Commission, and Fish and Boat Commission are estimated to result in a total cost to the State Gaming Fund of \$17.4 million for 2023/24, reflecting an additional cost of \$8.3 million incurred by the fund.

Section 1798.3-E. Multimodal Transportation Fund

This section extends the existing multimodal local match waiver through December 31, 2024.

Fiscal impact: The waiving of match funds may impact the size of grants awarded from funds dedicated for the PennDOT and CFA MTF grant programs.

Section 1799.5-E. Sales by Distilleries (Repealed)

The bill repeals Section 1799.5-E, which currently limits aggregate liquor sales made by licensed distilleries and limited distilleries directly to other license or permit holders to 50,000 gallons a year. This would allow distilleries and limited distilleries to sell an unlimited volume of liquor to other license and permit holders.

Fiscal Impact: This change is not expected to have a fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

Section 1799.11-E. Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Wholesale Licensee Discount Account

This bill requires the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to establish a program to provide a discount to wholesale licensees if the licensee picks up its purchases at board-specified locations, including PLCB's warehouses. The PLCB would be permitted to set parameters that the board deems appropriate, including the amount of the discount and minimum purchase requirements.

Fiscal Impact: This provision is likely to have a nominal impact for the PLCB. It is expected that any costs incurred from offering the discount to wholesale licensees would be offset by savings from operating efficiencies from not having to use board resources to transport PLCB products.

Section 1723-F.1. Department of Education

This section corrects an incorrect reference in the 2022/23 budget implementation section related to capital funds for chartered schools for the deaf and the blind.

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds that have already been appropriated. This section will enable \$1 million in funds for deferred maintenance to be distributed to the Chartered Schools for the Education of the Deaf and Blind.

Article XVII-F.3 2023/24 Budget Implementation

- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (Section 1712-F.3)
 - Section 1712-F.3 makes several earmarks to appropriations to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.
 - No less than \$285,000 is required to be used to support the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System (SAVIN) and
 - No less than the amount used in 2014/15 is required to be used for a residential treatment community facility for at-risk youth located in a county of the fifth class.
 - \$400,000 shall be used for an innovative police data sharing system, and \$600,000 shall be used for a diversion program for first-time nonviolent offenders.
 - \$3 million is allocated for a pilot program in Philadelphia and Delaware County to hire additional assistant district attorneys designated as Special United States Attorneys as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods to exclusively prosecute certain firearms crimes.
 - \$500,000 will support a statewide child predator unit
 - \$500,000 will be used for training and equipment for the identification, investigation and prosecution of crimes related to the sexual abuse of children
 - \$1.75 million is allocated for the nonnarcotic medication substance use disorder treatment program. This funding was allocated under the Department of Corrections in prior years in the same amount.
 - Violence and delinquency prevention programs
 - No less than the amount used in 2014/15 shall be used for programs in a city of the second class (Pittsburgh).
 - No less than the amount used in 2014/15 shall be used for blueprint mentoring programs addressing youth violence in cities of the first, second, and third class. Programs in cities of the second and third class will also receive a proportional share of \$350,000 (proportional share increased from \$200,000).
 - VIP and county intermediate punishment programs
 - The bill includes general guidelines for the violence intervention and prevention program, and well as county intermediate punishment funding.
 - County Jail Security Improvements
 - Money appropriated for county jail security improvements and enhancements shall be distributed to counties for security improvements and enhancements at county jails.
- Attorney General (Section 1714-F.3)
 - Joint Local-State Firearms Task Force
 - Stipulates that, of the \$13.9 million appropriated to the Attorney General for the Joint Local-State Firearms Task Force:
 - \$8.4 million shall be distributed between the Attorney General and the Philadelphia district attorney's office
 - No more than 20% shall be allocated to Philadelphia
 - \$3.1 million for costs associated with the Philadelphia task force
 - \$1.5 million for establishing and operating a task force in Pittsburgh
 - \$0.9 million to the Attorney General for operating and property costs related to the Joint Task Force
 - Use of restricted accounts by the Attorney General

- The bill permits the Attorney General to spend up to \$2 million from a list of restricted accounts for general government operations.
- Department of Agriculture (Section 1718-F.3)
 - Directs that at least \$250,000 shall be used for the Commission of Agricultural Education Excellence to assist in the development and implementation of agricultural education programming from money appropriated for General Government Operations
 - From money appropriated for Agricultural Preparedness and Response:
 - Up to \$15 million shall be used for grants to assist with costs associated with preparing for and responding to the avian influenza outbreak, including:
 - Income loss
 - Workforce payroll and rent/mortgage obligations
 - Utility payments
 - Depopulation and re-opening of facilities
 - Other costs, not eligible or covered by insurance or other funding sources
 - No more than \$2 million to be utilized for the establishment of highly pathogenic avian influenza Rapid Response Team (new)
 - No less than \$6 million shall be used for costs incurred by the Animal Health and Diagnostic Laboratory System in preparing and responding to an avian influenza outbreak
 - No less than \$10 million shall be used to expand Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS)
 - From money appropriated for Agricultural Research:
 - No less than \$300,000 shall be used for agricultural research center
 - No less than \$100,000 shall be used for agricultural law research in conjunction with land-grant university
 - From money appropriated for Hardwoods Research and Promotion, at least 80 percent will be equally distributed among hardwood utilization groups
 - Money appropriated for the Animal Health & Diagnostic Commission shall be equally distributed to animal diagnostic system laboratories at Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- Department of Community and Economic Development (Section 1719-F.3)
 - From money appropriated for general government operations, no less than \$1,900,000 shall be used to support manufacturing technology development, to assist small businesses with cyber security, and to test coal ash refuse extraction.
 - From money appropriated for marketing to attract tourists:
 - \$4,145,000 to fund activities of the tourism office within the Department.
 - \$1,000,000 for an annual statewide competition for athletes with intellectual disabilities
 - The remaining money includes an allocation for a series of arts and cultural activities.
 - From money appropriated for Pennsylvania First, no less than \$8,000,000 to fund the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania.
 - From money appropriated for keystone communities:
 - \$6,405,000 to fund the Main Street Program, Elm Street Program, Enterprise Zone Program, and accessible housing.
 - The remaining money shall be used for projects supporting economic growth, community development and municipal assistance.
 - Allows the Commonwealth to use up to 3% of money from the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program for Nonurban Counties and Certain Other Municipalities for administrative costs.

- Allows money appropriated for local municipal relief to provide state assistance to individuals, persons, or political subdivisions impacted by natural or manmade disasters, public safety emergencies, or other situations that pose a public safety danger.
- Allows money appropriated for hospital and health system emergency relief to provide state assistance to hospitals and health care systems that experience unexpected financial impact situations.
- Allows money appropriated for community and economic assistance to include an allocation to provide state assistance for community and economic development, including projects in the public interest.
- Allows money appropriated to the Department to pay one-third of the cost for the Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness.
- Allows money appropriated for workforce development to be distributed in the same proportion as in fiscal year 2022-23.
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Section 1720-F.3)
 - Directs that money appropriated for parks, forests and recreation projects be used for grants by the Department
- Department of Education (Section 1723-F.3)
 - Directs the appropriation for “grant support to institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth” to institutions of higher education that meet narrowly defined county class classifications and student enrollment levels
 - Provides that the Adult and Family Literacy appropriation contains allocations for after school programs in certain counties as well as \$1.05 million to be used to develop a program to subsidize the cost of high school equivalency testing
 - Prohibits any redirection of the pupil transportation appropriation
 - Requires the balance of the Chartered Schools for the Deaf and Blind Children appropriation after all tuition payments have been made to be distributed pro rata for PSERS costs and divides \$1 million equally between the four schools for deferred maintenance costs.
 - An Approved Private School will receive a payment from the Special Education Contingency Fund in the same amount as in 2015/16
 - Specifies that each entity that received funding under the Regional Community College Services and Community Education Councils appropriations last year will receive the same amounts in 2023/24
 - Outlines that the new appropriation within the 2023/24 budget for Parent Pathways will be used to expand the Parent Pathways Learning Network Pilot Program. The program will support parenting students who pursue a postsecondary degree or certificate completion. PDE will provide financial and technical assistance to institutions to help remove barriers to a postsecondary degree or certificate completion.
 - Requires PDE to pay one-third of the cost for the Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness to implement a contract with a nonprofit entity experienced in long-term education planning efforts
 - Directs PDE to reimburse all school breakfast meals at the free rate and all reduced price lunches at the free rate
 - Specifies that funds for the job training and education programs appropriation shall be used for grants for job training, dual enrollment and educational programs
 - Specifies that funds for the mobile science and mathematics education programs appropriation shall be used for grants to support mobile science and mathematics education programs
- Department of General Services (Section 1725-F.3)
 - Requires money appropriated for capitol fire protection, be used for by the City of Harrisburg to support the provisions of fire services to the Capitol complex.

- Department of Health (Section 1726-F.3)
 - Directs that funds appropriated for general government operations must include funds to coordinate donated dental services
 - Requires that from funds appropriated for primary health care practitioners:
 - No less than \$3.451 million shall be used for Primary Care Loan Repayment Grants Awards
 - No less than \$1.5 million shall be used for the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Residency Expansion Program
 - No less than \$1.3 million shall be used for the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Residency Community Health Grant Program
 - All other grantees that received funding in the 2022-23 fiscal year must be held harmless compared to fiscal year 2022-23 funding levels
 - Funds appropriated for services for children with special needs shall be distributed to grantees in the same proportion as in the 2019-20 fiscal year
 - From funds appropriated for adult cystic fibrosis and other chronic respiratory illnesses:
 - \$212,000 shall be used for a cystic fibrosis research program in Allegheny County (same level as FY 2022-23)
 - \$106,000 shall be used for childhood cystic fibrosis research in Philadelphia (same level as FY 2022-23)
 - All other funds will be distributed to grantees in the same proportion as in FY 2019-20
 - Funds appropriated for diagnosis and treatment of Cooley's anemia will be distributed in the same proportions as in the 2019-20 fiscal year
 - Funds appropriated for hemophilia services will be distributed in the same proportions as in the 2019-20 fiscal year
 - Funds appropriated for lupus programs will be distributed in the same proportions as in the 2018-19 fiscal year
 - From funds appropriated for sickle cell anemia services:
 - \$75,000 will be distributed to an academic medical center in Dauphin County
 - All other funds will be distributed in the same proportions as in the 2019-20 fiscal year
 - From funds appropriated for Lyme disease \$2 million will go towards costs related to free tick testing performed in conjunction with a PASSHE university
 - From funds appropriated for biotechnology research allocations will be made toward: regenerative medicine, regenerative medicine medical technology, hepatitis and viral research, drug research and trials related to cancer, genetic and molecular research, vaccine immune response diagnostics, nanotechnology, and commercialization of applied research
- Department of Labor and Industry (Section 1728-F.3)
 - Maintains existing allocations to a workforce development program for veterans in Delaware County
 - Requires the Department to pay one-third of the cost for the Commission on Education and Economic Development to implement a contract for long-term education planning efforts.
- Department of Human Services (Section 1730-F.3)
 - \$580,000 from funds appropriated for Mental Health Services shall be used for the operation and maintenance of a network of web portals that provide support and prevention for individuals with mental health or substance abuse conditions and for the expansion of existing web portals that identify services and resources for military veterans and their families.
 - \$20 million from money appropriated for Mental Health Services shall be used for county mental health services in addition to the county funding provided under the Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Act of 1966 and Article XIV-B of the Human Services Code.

- Grantees who operated a PA Workwear program in the prior fiscal year and remain in operation shall be offered a grant for fiscal year 2023/24.
- From funds appropriated for MA – Capitation:
 - At least the same amount that was used in fiscal year 2014/15 will be used for the prevention and treatment of depression and its complications in older individuals in Allegheny County.
 - Effective January 1, 2024, sufficient funds are included to provide rates for ground ambulance transportation mileage at not less than \$8.80 per mile for each loaded mile subject to federal approval.
- From funds appropriated for MA – Fee-for-Service:
 - Payments to hospitals for the Community Access Fund grants shall be made using the formula utilized during fiscal year 2014/15.
 - Funds allocated to the Select Plan for Women’s preventative health services shall be used for women’s medical services including noninvasive contraception supplies.
 - Sufficient funds are included to pay separate payments to inpatient acute care hospitals for normal newborn care and the mother’s delivery.
 - No less than \$330,000 shall be used for Cleft Palate and other Craniofacial Anomalies.
 - No less than \$800,000 shall be distributed to a hospital for clinical ophthalmological services located in Philadelphia.
 - No less than \$5 million shall be distributed to a hospital in the City of Chester in Delaware County, provided that services and specialties available on the effective date of this legislation remain available until July 1, 2024.
 - No less than \$2 million shall be distributed to a university located in Philadelphia to research the impact of trauma-informed programs on community violence prevention and health disparities.
 - No less than \$3 million shall be distributed to an enrolled outpatient services provider located in the City of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County that provides behavioral health and medical rehabilitation pediatric outpatient services.
 - No less than \$1.25 million shall be distributed to an acute care hospital in the City of Greensburg in Westmoreland County.
 - Effective January 1, 2024, sufficient funds are included to provide rates for ground ambulance transportation mileage at not less than \$8.80 per mile for each loaded mile subject to federal approval.
- The department may adjust the premium amount paid by individuals enrolled in the Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities program upon federal approval.
- Qualifying Physician Practice Plans that received money for fiscal year 2017/18 shall not receive less than the same amount that appropriated during that fiscal year.
- Funds appropriated for Trauma Centers that are not used to pay hospitals with Level III Trauma Centers shall be used to make payments to hospitals with Level I and Level II Trauma Centers.
- Qualifying Academic Medical Centers that received money for fiscal year 2017/18 shall receive the same amount that was appropriated during that fiscal year.
- Funds appropriated to Medical Assistance Transportation shall be used as the payment of last resort.
- Funds appropriated for Intellectual Disabilities for workforce development and retention shall be utilized to address the workforce shortage of direct support professional and other individuals that support individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- From funds appropriated for Medical Assistance Long-Term Living:

- No less than the amount distributed in fiscal year 2014/15 shall be distributed to county nursing homes located in Delaware County, with more than 725 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 0.79 as of August 1, 2015.
- No less than the amount used in fiscal year 2020/21 shall be distributed to a nonpublic nursing home located in Philadelphia County with more than 395 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.06 as of August 1, 2022.
- \$5 million shall be distributed to a nonpublic nursing home located in Sullivan County with more than 119 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.11 as of August 1, 2022.
- An additional \$500,000 shall be paid in equal payments to nursing facilities, which remain open as of the effective date of this legislation, that qualified for supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care payment in fiscal year 2014/15 with a percentage of Medical Assistance recipient residents who required medically necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care greater than 90%.
- \$16 million is allocated for Medical Assistance Day-One Incentive Payments to qualified nonpublic nursing facilities.
- For fiscal year 2023/24, the department shall calculate each nursing facility's case-mix rate based on the fiscal year 2022/23 cost data and information. Each nursing facility's case-mix rate shall be adjusted quarterly in accordance with the regulations.
- From funds appropriated for MA – Community HealthChoices:
 - Effective January 1, 2024, sufficient funds are included to provide rates for ground ambulance transportation mileage at not less than \$8.80 per mile for each loaded mile subject to federal approval.
 - For fiscal year 2023/24, the department shall calculate each nursing facility's case-mix rate based on the fiscal year 2022/23 cost data and information. Each nursing facility's case-mix rate shall be adjusted quarterly in accordance with the regulations.
- From funds appropriated for Autism Intervention and Services:
 - \$600,000 shall be allocated to behavioral health facility located in Lebanon County and shall be distributed to a health system that operates both a general acute care hospital and a behavioral health facility that has a center for autism and developmental disabilities located in Lebanon County
 - \$300,000 shall be allocated to an institution of higher education that provides autism education and diagnostic curriculum located in the City of Philadelphia, that operates a center for autism in Montgomery County.
 - \$300,000 shall be allocated to an institution of higher education that provides autism education and diagnostic curriculum and is located in Allegheny County
 - No less than the amount distributed in the fiscal year 2014/15 shall be allocated for programs that promote the health and fitness of individuals with developmental disabilities located in City of Philadelphia
 - \$600,000 shall be allocated for an entity that provides alternative educational services to individuals with autism and developmental disabilities in Lancaster County
- Funds appropriated for breast cancer screening may be used for women's medical services, including noninvasive contraception supplies.
- From funds appropriated for 211 communications, \$750,000 shall be allocated for the statewide 211 System Grant Program.
- From funds appropriated for services for the visually impaired:
 - \$3,904,080 is allocated to a statewide professional services provider association for the blind.
 - \$798,000 is allocated to provide specialized services and prevention of blindness services in City of Philadelphia.

- The provisions of federal law regarding individuals that are ineligible for federal programs shall apply to payments and providers.
- The department shall not add non-medically necessary services to the MA program that would result in the need for a supplemental appropriation without the approval of the General Assembly.
- No later than 12 months after the enactment of the General Appropriations Act of 2023, the department shall complete a report analyzing the wages for direct care workers and direct support professionals that provide services under the Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Long-term Living.
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (Section 1735-F.3)
 - Funds appropriated for search and rescue programs shall be used to support programs to train working service dogs for rescue and public safety
 - Funds appropriated to the State Fire Commissioner shall fund a statewide recruitment and retention coordinator and regional technical advisors to support local governments and fire organizations
 - Funds appropriated state disaster assistance shall be used to provide individual assistance for recovery from emergencies and non-federally declared disasters, including for critical needs assistance and residential repairs not covered by insurance or other funding sources.
- State System of Higher Education (Section 1737-F.3)
 - Requires that tuition for in-state resident students in the 2023-24 academic year must be held at the same level as the 2022-23 academic year and allows the difference in tuition for residents and nonresidents to be waived for students from contiguous states at the discretion of an institution president
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (Section 1738-F.3)
 - Requires PHEAA to allocate \$500,000 from the Higher Education Assistance Fund to Cheyney University Keystone Academy
 - Allocates \$1 million funds appropriated for education assistance grants to merit scholarships at Mansfield University
 - Allows funds appropriated for Pennsylvania Internship Program grants to be used for internship and seminar programs
- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (Section 1739-F.3)
 - Imposes reporting requirements on the president of the college regarding how the funds will be used to expand student enrollment

Fiscal Impact: This section will have no fiscal impact to the commonwealth because it directs funds to the extent that they are appropriated.

Article XVII-F.4 2023-2024 Restrictions on Appropriations for Funds and Accounts

- State Lottery Fund – money appropriated for PENNCARE may not be utilized for administrative costs by the Department of Aging
- Opioid Settlement Restricted Account - \$2 million shall be distributed to a county and to the office of the district attorney located in a county of the third class with a population between 374,000 and 375,000 under the most recent decennial census (Lehigh County)
- Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund – provides for the allocation of grants from money deposited into the fund
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund - provides that the Department of Agriculture may use up to \$165,000 from funds in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund to make grants of up to \$5,000 for family succession planning, to ensure that agricultural operations continue on land subject to agricultural conservation easements

- Restricted Receipt Accounts – allows the Budget Secretary to create restricted receipt accounts for the purpose of administering federal grants
- Fund Transfers:
 - To the Environmental Stewardship Fund - \$10.5 million from the Personal Income Tax
 - To the Commonwealth Financing Authority - \$31.9 million from the Medical Marijuana Program Fund to be used for blight remediation, including hazard remediation
 - To the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund - \$4 million from the Personal Income Tax

Article XVII-F.5 2023-2024 Fund Transfers

Section 1734-F.5 transfers \$8.8551 million within the Higher Education Assistance Fund from the SciTech and GI Bill Restricted Revenue Account to the State Grants Restricted Revenue Account.

Article XVII-F.6 Prior Year Appropriations

Technical language specifying that an appropriation in the 2023/24 budget that is the same or similar to an appropriation in the 2022/23 budget shall replace that appropriation.

Fiscal Impact: This provision will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVIII-A Commonwealth Housing Council

This Article establishes the Commonwealth Housing Council and provides membership requirements. The Council shall develop housing strategies that may be used by executive departments and agencies.

Fiscal Impact: As this article establishes the Council and provides that members of the Council cannot receive compensation for their service, this article has no fiscal impact to the commonwealth.

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