



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 282

PRINTER'S NO. 304

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

This bill creates restrictions on the Commonwealth for dealing with persons associated with the Governments of Russia or Belarus and imposes duties on the Treasury Department.

### ANALYSIS:

This bill, to be known as the Restrictions for Associations with Russia and Belarus Act, restricts the Commonwealth from entering into contracts, providing grants, or providing tax credits to persons associated with Russia and Belarus.

Within 60 days of the effective date of this bill, the Treasury Department shall create and publish a list of persons associated with Russia or Belarus to be updated annually. Persons is defined in the bill as “an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, business trust, association, estate, trust, foundation, business entity or government entity who is owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, Russia or Belarus as defined by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of Treasury as of the effective date of this definition.”

Any person on this list may not:

- Bid on, submit a proposal for, enter into, be a party to or renew a contract with a Commonwealth agency for the provision of goods or services;
- Submit a proposal for, be associated with or renew a grant issued by the Commonwealth; or
- Submit a proposal for, receive or renew a tax credit offered by the Commonwealth.

The Treasury Department shall publish this list of persons on its website, and a person on the list may challenge their inclusion by presenting proof of removal from the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list maintained by the United States Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

This bill also directs the Treasury Department to develop a list of critical materials and critical minerals as identified as critical by the United States Department of the Interior and exempt a person who provides, obtains, or supplies these materials or minerals from the list and any restrictions imposed by this act.

This bill creates an exception that outlines that money appropriated from the General Fund or awarded by a Commonwealth agency for use in a Pennsylvania-based project that would otherwise be restricted shall be paid in full if a portion of the money was expended prior to the effective date of this legislation.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Treasury Department estimates that enactment of this legislation would result in a fiscal impact of \$50,000 annually to contract with a vendor to verify and update the list of persons associated with Russia and Belarus. Additionally, the department may incur administrative costs related to challenges by persons on the list. However, these additional costs can be accommodated within the department's current budget and staffing levels.

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