



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 429

PRINTER'S NO. 855

PRIME SPONSOR: **Regan**

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

### SUMMARY:

Amends Act 193 of 1935, known as the Heart and Lung Act, to expand coverage to additional categories of law enforcement officers and investigators.

### ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 429, Printer's Number 855, expands the coverage provided by Act 193 of 1935, known as the Heart and Lung Act, to additional categories of law enforcement officers and investigators. The new categories added to coverage of the legislation are:

1. Probation officers employed by a participating county;
2. Campus police officers employed by a participating university;
3. Commissioned police officers employed by the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence;
4. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Rangers, Ranger Supervisors, Ranger Operations Specialists, Ranger Trainees, and State Park Officers;
5. Members of the Fort Indiantown Police;
6. Enforcement officers employed by the Office of Inspector General with responsibility related to programs administered by the Department of Human Services;
7. Transit police officers employed by a participating transit or port authority;
8. Members of the Allegheny County Housing Authority Police or housing police officers employed by participating housing authorities; and,
9. Corrections officers or jail guards employed by a participating county and whose principal duties duty is care, custody, and control of inmates.

The bill specifies that counties, authorities, or universities must elect or bargain to participate in the program by posting notice on a publicly available internet website.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of providing benefits due under the Heart and Lung Act are paid by appropriations to the Commonwealth agency or to the participating county, university, or authority. The number of employees eligible under this expansion would depend on the number of universities, authorities, or counties that opt to become participants in the program. In addition, the cost of providing benefits under this expansion would also be dependent on the number of employees who are injured or become otherwise eligible to receive benefits under the Heart and Lung Act, which currently be estimated. Given the large number of unknown factors, the fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate at this time.

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