

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 116

**PRINTER'S NO.** 88

**AMOUNT**

Minimal Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General

**DATE INTRODUCED**

Jan. 29, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator M. White

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, Jan. 29, 2009  
Reported as committed, Feb. 10, 2009  
First consideration, Feb. 10, 2009  
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 11, 2009  
Re-reported as committed, April 20, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

*An Act providing for environmental funds reporting and disclosure by the Department of Environmental Protection.*

Senate Bill 116 is the Environmental Funds Reporting and Disclosure Act. The act provides that the Department of Environmental Protection must annually compile a comprehensive report of all special funds and restricted revenue accounts which it administers. The report must contain:

- The total receipts and expenditures of each fund, including all fees, fines, penalties and natural resource damage awards or settlements;
- An itemized list of each receipt and disbursement of the fund in excess of \$10,000; and
- The number and nature of violations of environmental statutes.

Reports under the act would be provided to the majority and minority chairmen of the Appropriations and Environmental Committees of the

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Senate and House of Representatives and posted on the Department's website. Reports would be due no later than September 30, 2009 and each year thereafter.

The act applies to any special fund or restricted revenue account administered by the Department including, but not limited to the Clean Air Fund, the Clean Water Fund, the Solid Waste Abatement Fund, the Safe Drinking Water Fund and the Waste Transportation Safety Account.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Additional costs to the Department to comply with the reporting requirements of the act are expected to be minimal. The data necessary to compile the reports is currently available to the Departmental comptrollers and fiscal staff via the Commonwealth's accounting system.