

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 117

PRINTER'S NO. 883

AMOUNT

No Significant 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 amended, Feb. 10, 2009
First consideration, Feb. 10, 2009
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 11, 2009
Re-reported as amended, April 20, 2009

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L. 359, No. 50), known as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act, further providing for annual reports; and making editorial changes.

Senate Bill 117 amends the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act to further provide for annual reports by agencies receiving an allocation of monies under the Act. The bill deletes obsolete references to the Department of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community Affairs from the existing reporting requirements in the Act. The bill also exempts the Fish and Boat Commission and the Game Commission from the annual reporting requirement.

No later than July 1, 2009, and each July 1 thereafter, the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources and Education, the Historical and Museum Commission, and the State System of Higher Education would be required to provide an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding projects and services provided by the monies from the Fund.

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Information for grants awarded from the Fund must include, at a minimum:

- The name of the applicant
- Location and description of the project
- Total project costs
- The amount requested
- Any matching funds provided by the recipient
- The grant contract expiration date
- The amount of the award.

Each agency must also publish and maintain the annual report on the department or agency's website. The report to the Governor and General Assembly may be transmitted by electronic mail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill merely expands existing reporting requirements. The departments and agencies do not expect to incur any significant additional costs from the inclusion of the additional information in preparing the reports nor do they expect to incur costs by uploading the reports to their respective websites.