

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 607

**PRINTER'S NO.** 657

**AMOUNT**

No adverse fiscal impact

**FUND**

General

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 12, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Wozniak

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS, March 12, 2009

Reported as committed, June 9, 2009

First consideration, June 9, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 24, 2009

Re-reported as committed, July 14, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 607 amends Sections 302 (Board of directors) and 304 (Grants) of The Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act.

Section 302 is amended by replacing an antiquated reference to the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association and Pennsylvania Rural Coalition with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau its successor. It changes the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum of the Board of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania from 6 of the 11 members to a simple majority of the duly qualified members.

Section 304 (Grants) is amended to allow faculty from the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh to receive grants from the Center and to increase the maximum grant awarded from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Also, agriculture and health and welfare concerns are added to the list of allowable grant subjects.

The bill will take effect in 60 days.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 607 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.