

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.**

Senate Bill 1042

**PRINTER'S NO.**

1331

**AMOUNT**

No additional costs to Commonwealth

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

July 19, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Browne

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to FINANCE, July 19, 2009

Reported as committed, July 20, 2009

First consideration, July 20, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 27, 2009

Re-reported as committed, July 28, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Act 42 of 2007 requires the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to prepare semi-annual reports of all grants awarded by PEMA from Federal disaster assistance or relief funds, homeland security and defense funds, avian flu/pandemic preparedness or other public health emergency funds. The reports must be provided to the Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 1042 amends Act 42 of 2007 to provide for this reporting requirement in the General Budget Implementation section, Article XVII-E of the Fiscal Code. Provisions in this article apply to every General Appropriations Act. The bill's provision in this Article of the Fiscal Code will no longer make the reporting requirement solely specific to a particular fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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The semi-annual reports have been prepared and provided by PEMA since the law went into effect specifically for the implementation of the FY 2007-2008 General Appropriations Act and again provided for in Act 53 of 2008 specifically for the FY 2008-09 General Appropriations Act.

Therefore, Senate Bill 1042's placement of PEMA's reporting requirement in the Fiscal Code's Article applying to all General Appropriations Acts will not cause the department to incur any additional costs in continuing to fulfill the requirement in FY 2009-2010 and in all future fiscal years.