

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 276

PRINTER'S NO. 1977

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

June 13, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Argall

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, Jan. 26, 2011

Reported as amended, June 13, 2011

First consideration, June 13, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 23, 2011

Re-reported as amended, March 5, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 276 amends the Downtown Location Law (Act 32 of 2000), which encourages state agencies to locate facilities in downtown areas.

The bill requires the Department of General Services' guidelines used to encourage state agencies to locate in downtowns to include the following additional considerations: (1) compatibility with the economic revitalization plan of the downtown area; and (2) local zoning ordinances. It also requires the Department of General Services to coordinate with existing public and private sector organizations committed to community and downtown revitalization and historic preservation and requires the coordination to include seeking a recommendation from the organizations as to whether the agency's needs could be met based on the considerations of the department.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 276 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. While not required, the department already considers these factors and seeks input from the communities when locating state facilities.