

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 709

**PRINTER'S NO.** 730

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 2, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Solobay

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 2, 2011

Reported as committed, May 24, 2011

First consideration, May 24, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 20, 2011

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 1, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 709 amends §7416 of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the use of volunteer firefighters' relief association funds.

Current law authorizes the use of volunteer firefighters' relief association fund for sixteen separate categorized items, of which one of them is to pay for attending firefighters' training schools. However, it does not allow for payment of costs related to advanced life support (ALS) or paramedic (EMT-P) training.

This legislation expands the authorized use of funds to allow for the payment of reasonable expenses incurred for attending emergency medical technician or paramedic training schools.

This act shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.