SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 907

PRINTER'S NO. 943

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

DATE INTRODUCED

FUND

State Workers' Insurance Fund

PRIME SPONSOR

March 30, 2011

Senator Browne

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to <u>FINANCE</u>, March 30, 2011 Reported as committed, <u>April 5, 2011</u>

First consideration, April 5, 2011

Second consideration, April 13, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 13, 2011

Re-reported as committed, April 26, 2011

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 907 amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), known as The Fiscal Code, to provide for the extension of the State Workers' Insurance Board's ("Board") authority to invest money.

The legislation reenacts the section of The Fiscal Code that permits the Board to invest in equities, subject to certain restrictions. These investments are subject to the prudent man rule of section 504(c) of the Banking Code of 1965.

The current statutory language, which is being reenacted, requires the Board to establish a policy for investments and to meet at least annually to develop a schedule for rebalancing its investments in securities.

Senate Bill 907 removes the current language in section 1732-A of The Fiscal Code, which provides that the Board's investment authority shall expire on June 30, 2010, and replaces it with language extending the authority through June 30, 2015.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

The reenactment or amendment of Article XVII-A Subarticle D shall apply retroactively to June 30, 2010.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.