

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1091

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1277

### **AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

### **FUND**

General Fund

### **DATE INTRODUCED**

June 6, 2011

### **PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Browne

### **HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to FINANCE, June 6, 2011

Reported as committed, June 22, 2011

First consideration, June 22, 2011

Second consideration, June 23, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 23, 2011

Re-reported as committed, June 11, 2012

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1091 provides that \$2,153,000 of the appropriation to the Vocational Rehabilitation Fund from the General Fund be provided to a Statewide professional service provider association for the blind to provide specialized services and services for prevention of blindness. It also provides \$431,000 from the same appropriation to provide specialized services and services for the prevention of blindness in cities of the first class.

These provisions have been provided in the annual budgetary implementation section of the Fiscal Code in past fiscal years. Senate Bill 1091 moves the provisions from the annual section to the permanent section of the Fiscal Code so that the language does not have to be repeated in the annual budgetary implementation section of the Fiscal Code each year.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

These provisions for funding of these services to the blind to the Statewide association and for their provision in cities of the first class have been in the annual budgetary implementation section of the Fiscal Code in each fiscal year. No fiscal impact will result from moving the provisions to the permanent section of the Fiscal Code to eliminate the repetitive provision in the annual section of the Fiscal Code each year.