

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 700

PRINTER'S NO. 1135

AMOUNT

\$0
\$0
\$500,000 – Maximum One-Time Costs

FUND

General Fund
Motor License Fund
Public Transportation Trust Fund (PTTF)

DATE INTRODUCED

June 3, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to TRANSPORTATION, June 3, 2013
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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 700 (PN 1135) amends the Second Class County Port Authority Act (1955 P.L.1414, No.465) to make changes to the composition of the Board of the Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) and to order the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) to conduct certain studies.

Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Increases the number of Board members from not more than nine, all of whom are currently appointed by the Allegheny County Executive, to eleven members appointed as follows:
 - 1) One member appointed by the Allegheny County Executive;
 - 2) One member appointed by the Mayor of Pittsburgh;
 - 3) Four members appointed jointly by the two at-large members of the Allegheny County Council;
 - 4) One member appointed by the Governor;
 - 5) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
 - 6) One member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
 - 7) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
 - 8) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

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- Mandates that the four members appointed jointly by the two at-large members of the Allegheny County Council be appointed from pools of candidates recommended as follows:
 - 1) One appointment from recommendations provided by the Allegheny County Council of Governments;
 - 2) One appointment from recommendations provided by ACHIEVA;
 - 3) One appointment from recommendations provided by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; and
 - 4) One appointment from recommendations provided by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.
- Mandates that all terms of office shall be for four years, except for initial appointees who shall serve staggered terms;
- Limits members to serving no more than three consecutive terms;
- Directs the Department to conduct a study of consolidation of the Authority with other local transportation organizations as a means of reducing annual expenses or increasing annual revenues;
- Directs the Department to conduct a study of potential privatization of Authority services as a means of reducing annual expenses or increasing annual revenues; and
- Directs the Department to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly and Authority within one hundred eighty days of the effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no fiscal impact to the General Fund or Motor License Fund and costs related to the enactment of this legislation would be expended only from the Public Transportation Trust Fund (PTTF).

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, a six month feasibility study on consolidation of the Authority and other local transportation organizations and potential privatization of Authority services, along with the development of a report of their findings would cost approximately \$500,000.

§1516 (Programs of Statewide Significance) of Act 44-2007 provides that money in the Public Transportation Trust Fund (PTTF) shall be used for specified purposes. Further, §1516(d) authorizes the Department to utilize these funds to provide advice or technical assistance to analyze and enhance community transportation system resources and services.