

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1400

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2082

**AMOUNT**

\$1,295,000,000

**FUND**

Capital Facilities Fund  
Maximum Additional Authorized Debt

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 3, 2014

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Corman

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1400 provides for the Capital Budget Act of fiscal year 2014-2015. The Act establishes the maximum bond indebtedness that the Commonwealth may incur during the fiscal year for capital projects specifically itemized in a capital budget project itemization Act.

This legislation sets the maximum authorizations at the following amounts:

- Public Improvement Projects: \$725,000,000
- Furniture and Equipment Projects: \$ 50,000,000
- Transportation Assistance Projects: \$175,000,000
- Redevelopment Assistance Projects: \$335,000,000
- Flood Control Projects: \$ 10,000,000

**Total: \$1,295,000,000**

This act shall take effect in July 1, 2014, or immediately, whichever is later.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania limits outstanding capital budget debt to 1.75 times the average tax revenues during the previous five (5) fiscal years. Voter approved and disaster relief debt are not subject to the constitutional debt limit.

According to the Governor's Executive Budget Request for FY 2014-2015, the average tax revenues during the previous five (5) fiscal years are \$36,360,576,000 resulting in a debt limit of \$63,631,008,000. The Commonwealth's outstanding capital budget debt at the end of FY 2013-2014 will be \$10,123,248,000, which is 16.4% of the Constitutional limit and represents a projected increase of .5% from the previous fiscal year.

This Act does not itemize capital projects.