

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1313

PRINTER NO. 1997

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 14, 2016

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator White

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1313 amends the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) contained in Title 62 (Procurement), Chapter 37.

GESA allows a government entity to contract with an energy savings company for the construction or installation of energy savings measures for which the performance is guaranteed and the resulting cost savings is sufficient to pay the costs of the project.

Specifically, the legislation adds new definitions for "energy-related cost savings," "energy savings company" and "operating costs" and amends the definition of "energy conservation measure" to clarify what costs are qualified under the act.

The bill also requires that a guaranteed energy savings contract expressly state the financial obligations that an energy savings company will require users to pay upon a declaration of savings.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1313 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.