

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 599

PRINTER NO. 629

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Dunbar

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 599 establishes the Results First Act and directs the Independent Fiscal Office to conduct a "Pennsylvania Results First Project".

Within one year of the effective date of the legislation, House Bill 599 requires the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) to implement and maintain the Pennsylvania Results First Project, which is defined as a multidimensional data analyzing system. The legislation directs the IFO to evaluate nationally recognized cost-benefit analysis models and determine the potential usefulness of such evidence-based models in the Commonwealth's budgeting and policy-making processes. The IFO shall consult with a nationally recognized organization that specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a cost-benefit analysis model.

Subject to any limitations provided by law, a data source shall submit to the IFO data required for use as provided by the act. A data source is defined as any of the following entities or agencies:

1. An office, department, authority, board, multistate agency or commission of the executive branch or an independent agency;
2. The Attorney General's Office, Department of the Auditor General, or Treasury Department;
3. A judicial agency;
4. A legislative agency; and
5. The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Counsel.

Data sources are required to cooperate with the IFO, and the IFO shall work collaboratively with data sources, taking into account their workflow requirements, to ensure that the data provided is of appropriate content and conforms to practicable format specifications. The legislation prohibits a data source from being charged a fee to receive the results generated from its submitted data.

The IFO must report its findings, along with recommendations, to the General Assembly as directed through a joint resolution.

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The act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The legislation requires the Independent Fiscal Office to consult with an organization that has expertise in cost-benefit analysis models used in budgeting processes, and the IFO has indicated that it will need to hire one or two additional staff persons to implement the Pennsylvania Results First Project. Annual salary, benefits and operating costs for two analysts are estimated to be \$270,000.

House Bill 599 provides the IFO with a one-year time frame from the effective date of the legislation to implement the project, and approximately one-quarter of the current fiscal year has passed. Therefore, a majority of the estimated \$270,000 annual cost is likely to be delayed until fiscal year 2019-20 and thereafter.