

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 137

PRINTER NO. 91

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 19, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator McGarrigle

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 137 amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for additional duties of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs relating to the Civil Air Patrol.

This legislation amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) by creating a new §712 (relating to Civil Air Patrol). This new section states that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) shall be a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and shall provide administrative support to the CAP as well. Additionally, the DMVA shall do all of the following:

1. Receive and supervise the expenditure of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly or secured by the Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the CAP;
2. Supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the CAP; and
3. Receive requests from the Commonwealth or its instrumentalities for approval for assistance by the CAP in natural or man-made disasters or emergency situations. A requested and approved mission must be approved or denied in accordance with Federal procedures and in consultation with both the Adjutant General and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

The legislation defines "assistance" as missions of the following nature:

1. Search and rescue;
2. Disaster relief support;
3. Homeland security;
4. Emergency transport services; and
5. Communications support.

§5301 (b) (5) of Title 74 (Transportation) is repealed. This section provided the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with the authority to expend Commonwealth funds for search and rescue operations and organ transport by the Civil Air Patrol, and educational materials and equipment.

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This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Administrative costs related to the Civil Air Patrol are expected to be de minimis, and the DMVA believes these costs are capable of being absorbed within existing fiscal resources of the Department.

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

The enacted FY 2016/17 General Appropriation Act appropriated \$100,000 to the DMVA for the Civil Air Patrol.