

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1157

PRINTER NO. 1819

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 3, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vulakovich

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1157 amends the Fiscal Code in the Department of the Auditor General to provide for the audit of the Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network.

This legislation provides for the audit of the statewide radio network, beginning with the passage of the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act for 1996-1997, through and including each phase of the contract awarded in 2016 for the installation of the new network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1157 authorizes at least 0.2% of the funds appropriated for the Pennsylvania State Police's administration of the statewide radio network to be utilized for the reimbursement of the Auditor General. In fiscal year 2018-19, the General Assembly appropriated \$49.3 million in General and Motor License Funds to the State Police for the administration of the radio network. Based on the 0.2% authorization, the reimbursement for Auditor General costs would be \$99,000. The State Police radio budget will be able to accommodate this additional cost within existing appropriated amounts.

The Office of the Auditor General, notwithstanding the funding provided in this legislation, notes that performing the audit could require a reallocation of staff time and may cause delay or reductions in other auditing functions.