

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2065

PRINTER NO. 4608

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Public-Private Transportation Account
(within the Motor License Fund)

DATE INTRODUCED

March 13, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative White

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 2065 amends Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, increasing reporting requirements and updating Public-Private Partnerships for transportation purposes and expanding the types of eligible public entities, transportation facilities and transportation-related services.

This legislation amends Chapter 91 (Public-Private Transportation Partnerships) of Title 74 to make the following changes related to Public-Private Transportation Partnerships (P3s):

- Adds the following terms to the definition of “transportation facility,” thereby making them eligible transportation P3 projects:
 - Rest areas;
 - Weigh stations;
 - Weigh station bypasses;
 - Welcome centers;
 - Unmanned aerial systems; and
 - Transportation-related services.
- Defines “transportation-related service” as a proposed or existing service offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (department) or a Commonwealth agency to provide a product, permit or similar authorization in a transaction for a resident or nonresident to move individuals or property within this Commonwealth.
- Provides that a P3 transportation agreement may also provide the following services:
 - Support the advancement of alternative fuel vehicles or highly automated vehicles; or
 - Driver and vehicles services.

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- Amends the duties of the Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board (board) to provide that the annual report submitted to the General Assembly shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - A description of all transportation projects evaluated and resolutions adopted;
 - A description of all transportation projects denied and reasons for the denial;
 - A description of all unsolicited plans for transportation projects submitted by private entities and the status of the board's evaluation of the plans; and
 - A description of all requests for transportation projects submitted by public entities and the status of the board's evaluation of the requests.
- Amends the definition of "public entity" to include a county, a city of the first class (Philadelphia) and a city of the second class (Pittsburgh).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will allow for the generation of additional revenue or reduction of costs to the Commonwealth if additional P3 transportation agreements are entered into as a result of the new P3 services provided for within this legislation. Additionally, counties, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will have the ability to participate in P3 transportation agreements as well, thereby allowing them the potential to generate additional revenue and/or reduce costs.

Any expenses incurred by the department to implement this legislation can be accommodated within existing staffing and funding levels provided to the department and will be funded by the Public-Private Transportation Account.