

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 778

PRINTER NO. 1003

AMOUNT

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FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 17, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator K. Ward

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 778 amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for sustainable mobility options for the Public Transportation Trust Fund (PTTF) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) is required to transfer \$450 million annually to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (department), and the department is then required to deposit those funds into the PTTF.

Section 1506(b)(1)(ii) of Title 74 is amended to require the department to make the following deposits into the PTTF:

- (A) For fiscal year 2019-20, \$400,000,000;
- (B) For fiscal year 2020-21, \$200,000,000;
- (C) For fiscal year 2021-22, \$100,000,000; and
- (D) For fiscal years 2019-20 through 2021-22, the General Assembly shall appropriate the following from the General Fund to the fund:
 - I. For fiscal year 2019-20, \$50,000,000;
 - II. For fiscal year 2020-21, \$250,000,000; and
 - III. For fiscal year 2021-22, \$350,000,000.

Additionally, Section 8901 of Title 75 is amended to redefine the definitions of "annual additional payments" and "annual base payments" as follows:

- "Annual additional payments" is amended to relieve the PTC from paying \$250 million in annual additional payments to the department during and after the conversion period to an amount determined by the department in accordance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 1506(b)(1)(ii) (relating to fund). The "conversion date" in Title 75 is defined as "the date set forth in the conversion notice when the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission intends to exercise its option to convert Interstate 80 to a toll road."

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- “Annual base payments” is amended to relieve the PTC from paying \$200 million in annual base payments to the department in accordance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 1506(b)(1)(ii) (relating to fund). The amount will be determined by the department in accordance to 74 Pa.C.S. § 1506(b)(1)(ii) (relating to fund).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation is intended to “step-down” the payments from the PTC to the department for transfer to the PTF.

Due to a drafting error in the legislation, an amendment will need to be drafted to ensure that the PTC payments will be “stepped down” rather than the deposits to the PTF from the department being “stepped down.”

The legislation in its current form would require the General Assembly to appropriate the following amounts from the General Fund:

- For fiscal year 2019-20, \$50,000,000;
- For fiscal year 2020-21, \$250,000,000; and
- For fiscal year 2021-22, \$350,000,000.