

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 935

PRINTER NO. 1516

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

November 12, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 935 amends the Fire and Panic Act of 1927 (P.L. 465, No. 299) to require certain smoke detectors in family child care homes.

This bill requires that family child care homes shall have smoke detectors that are interconnected via hardwire, Bluetooth connectivity, or any other means that allows communication between devices. Acceptable devices include those with a non-replaceable 10-year battery. There must be a device on each floor and in the basement. The facility owner must maintain a proof of purchase document with the facility's fire drill logs.

This legislation also requires a facility to have a portable fire extinguisher in the kitchen or other cooking areas and to meet the exiting requirements for a family child care home.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 935 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Facility owners may incur the additional costs of new smoke detectors and labor for installation if necessary to bring their facility into compliance with the new requirements.