

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1076

PRINTER NO. 1560

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 9, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1076 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, eliminating the sunset date for the Military Family Relief Assistance Fund.

Act 65 of 2005 added Section 7319 (relating to military family relief assistance), which established the Military Family Relief Assistance Fund. This section had a sunset date of November 10, 2010. Act 66 of 2014 extended the sunset date to June 30, 2020. This legislation eliminates the sunset date and makes Section 7319 permanent in Title 51.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance, in the form of grants, to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. The amount of a grant is based on documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500. MFRAP is funded by voluntary donations, most of which come from Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax refund check-offs.

In FY 2018-19, contributions totaling \$60,930 were made to the Military Family Relief Assistance Fund, and \$44,658 in grants were approved for service members and/or eligible family members.

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