

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1110

**PRINTER NO.** 1651

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 13, 2020

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator K. Ward

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1110 amends the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 by requiring the Department of Health to provide communicable disease information by municipality. Senate Bill 1110 also permits the Department of Health ( department) to provide reports and records when necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

In addition, under a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor that is based upon a communicable disease, the secretary or local health authority is required to release explicit information within a specified time frame. Specifically, Senate Bill 1110 requires the secretary or local health authority to release individually identifiable health information to 911 centers, law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and emergency medical services personnel within 24 hours of receiving information of a confirmed case of a communicable disease.

Under the legislation, 911 centers, law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and emergency medical services personnel are required to follow all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and confidentiality standards.

This act shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 1110 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The Department of Health currently collects and reports COVID-19 data from its Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System. The bill requires the department to release the individually identifiable health information to 911 centers, law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and emergency medical services personnel. Costs related to fulfilling these duties are capable of being accommodated within the department's current staffing and budget levels.