

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1182

PRINTER NO. 1739

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 4, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Brooks

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1182 amends the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act to provide for a new Section 8.2 (COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program) that allows a county agricultural society, independent agricultural society or other organization which conducts an annual agricultural fair and cancels its fair for the 2020 calendar year due to the COVID-19 disaster emergency to be eligible to receive a grant in the same amount as it received in the 2019 calendar year.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1182 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The General Appropriations Act for 2020 included the appropriation of \$4,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture for Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs.

For information purposes, during the 2019 calendar year fair season, \$3,354,434 was allocated for grants to 111 agricultural fairs. To date, 65 of 111 agricultural fairs scheduled to take place during the 2020 calendar year fair season have been canceled due to the COVID-19 disaster emergency. The 65 fairs that have been canceled accounted for \$1,533,196, or 46%, of the total amount of grant funding paid to fairs conducted during the 2019 fair season.