

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1226

PRINTER NO. 1842

AMOUNT

\$130,000,000

FUND

COVID-19 Response Restricted Account

DATE INTRODUCED

July 10, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Tartaglione

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1226 provides for a total of \$130,000,000 in supplemental appropriations to the General Appropriations Act of 2019 from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the Department of Education to support the expenses of public institutions of higher education incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year related to the COVID-19 disaster emergency. The legislation delineates that funding will be distributed as follows:

- Community Colleges - \$35,000,000
- Pennsylvania State University - \$25,000,000
- University of Pittsburgh - \$25,000,000
- Temple University - \$25,000,000
- Lincoln University - \$10,000,000
- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology - \$10,000,000

The legislation specifies that the appropriations shall be continuing and shall not automatically lapse at the close of the current fiscal year.

The legislation is retroactive to July 1, 2019, and is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1226 appropriates a total of \$130,000,000 in supplemental appropriations to certain institutions of higher education from federal CARES Act funds currently in the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account.