

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1350

**PRINTER NO.** 2052

**AMOUNT**

(\$6,000,000)  
\$1,196,983,000  
\$7,500,000  
\$1,265,748,000

**FUND**

General Fund (State)  
General Fund (Federal)  
Tobacco Settlement Fund  
FY 2019-20 Supplemental Appropriations  
General Fund (Federal)

**DATE INTRODUCED**

October 2, 2020

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Browne

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1350 is the Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2020, which makes federal COVID-19 appropriations in the amount of \$1,196,983,000 from the General Fund and \$7,500,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the current fiscal year. The legislation clarifies that these appropriations shall be a supplemental appropriation and shall be in addition to the appropriations contained in the General Appropriation Act of 2020.

The COVID-19 funds being appropriated in this bill are federal funds being distributed to the Commonwealth for purposes of supplementing current and prior fiscal year appropriations.

Senate Bill 1350 contains a \$6 million reduction in state funds appropriated to the Department of Education (department) for Pupil Transportation based upon a revised estimate of program costs made by the department.

Section 6105 of the legislation (relating to utilization of emergency federal funds) includes a limitation on the use of these funds. Senate Bill 1350 provides that federal funds available for costs and damages resulting from natural disasters and civil disobedience, which typically would be paid into and appropriated out of the General Fund to departments, boards, commissions or agencies designated by the Governor shall not exceed \$50 million for the current fiscal year. The limitation does not apply to federal emergency unemployment compensation funds or federal highway and transit funds.

Supplemental appropriations for the prior fiscal year total \$1,265,748,000.

This act shall be retroactive to July 1, 2020.

This act shall take effect immediately.