

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1516

PRINTER NO. 1611

AMOUNT

\$12,892,000 (FY 20-21)
\$84,818,000 (FY 21-22)
\$518,000 (FY 21-22)
\$1,158,000 (FY 21-22)

FUND

State Gaming Fund
State Gaming Fund
Fantasy Contest Fund
Video Gaming Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 25, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saylor

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1516 appropriates the total sum of \$86,494,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 from the State Gaming Fund for the operations of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and the operations of the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General, with respect to their responsibility and authority under Part II of 4 Pa.C.S., known as the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. The appropriation is categorized as follows:

- Attorney General - \$1,405,000
- Department of Revenue - \$6,707,000
- Pennsylvania State Police - \$30,033,000
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$46,673,000

The amount of \$46,673,000 is appropriated for the operations of the board. Of this amount, \$7,700,000 is appropriated from the restricted revenue account established in the State Gaming Fund for fees and other revenues collected by the board. Examples of these fees include investigative fees, license renewal fees and gaming lab chargeback fees.

Sections 502 and 503 of House Bill 1516 appropriate a total sum of \$518,000 from the Fantasy Contest Fund restricted revenues account to support the administration of fantasy contest operations. The itemization is as follows:

- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$100,000
- Department of Revenue - \$418,000

Sections 702 and 703 of House Bill 1516 appropriate a total sum of \$1,158,000 from the Video Gaming Fund restricted revenues account to support video gaming terminal (VGTs) operations. The itemization is as follows:

- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$475,000
- Department of Revenue - \$683,000

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Sections 801 and 802 of House Bill 1516 make a supplemental appropriation from the State Gaming Fund for Fiscal Year 2020-21 to the Pennsylvania State Police for salaries, wages and necessary expenses related to gaming. The supplemental funding amount is \$12,892,000.

Section 901 of House Bill 1516 prohibits the transfer of any moneys within or between the appropriations made to the agencies or board.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 1516 will cost the State Gaming Fund \$86,494,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Additionally, the legislation includes supplemental funding for Fiscal Year 2020-21, \$12,892,000, from the State Gaming Fund.