

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 137

PRINTER NO. 110

AMOUNT

\$109,590 Annual Revenue

FUND

Drug Recognition Expert Training Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 27, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Hutchinson

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 137 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by establishing "The Drug Recognition Expert Training Fund (fund)."

Title 42 is amended by adding a new section 3576 (relating to Drug Recognition Expert Training Fund) to establish this special fund in the State Treasury.

Money in the fund shall be appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police to implement and administer drug recognition expert training, which shall include training of law enforcement officers to detect if an individual is impaired by or under the influence of alcohol, intoxicating liquor, drugs, narcotics, controlled substances or other impairing or intoxicating substances.

In addition to any other costs imposed for a violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance), an assessment of \$5 shall be imposed and transmitted to the State Treasurer for deposit in the fund.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, over the past five years there have been an average 21,918 annual convictions for violations of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance). This would generate annual revenue in the amount of \$109,590 to be deposited in the fund for drug recognition expert training.