

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 478

PRINTER NO. 503

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 31, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Dush

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 478 amends the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act to provide for contract awards when advertisements for bids fail to receive bids.

This legislation allows for a municipality to enter into a contract for services, negotiate the sale of property or purchase goods upon the failure to receive bids after making two advertisements. Changes are made to the definition of "services" provided to include labor and maintenance of existing structures, buildings or infrastructure. Prior to the execution of a contract, at a regular or special public meeting, the identity of the party, the proposed price and a summary of the terms must be announced to demonstrate they are consistent with the original advertisement.

Penalties for intent to evade the advertising requirement shall apply to any member of a governing body who votes for the transaction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 478 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.