

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 563

PRINTER NO. 609

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 16, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 563 amends the Fire and Panic Act of 1927 (P.L. 465, No. 299) to require certain smoke detectors in family child care homes.

This bill requires family child care homes to have smoke detectors that are interconnected via hardwire, Bluetooth connectivity, or any other means that allows communication between devices. Acceptable devices include those with a non-replaceable 10-year battery. There must be a device on each floor and in the basement. The facility owner must maintain a proof of purchase document with the facility's fire drill logs.

This legislation also requires a facility to have a portable fire extinguisher in the kitchen or other cooking areas and to meet the exiting requirements for a family child care home under 55 Pa. Code Ch. 3290 (relating to family child day care homes).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 563 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Facility owners may incur the additional costs of new smoke detectors and labor for installation if necessary to bring their facility into compliance with the new requirements.