

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 635

**PRINTER NO.** 1125

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 4, 2021

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Yudichak

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 635 amends Title 12 making changes to the property assessed clean energy program to expand eligible projects and to provide for additional definitions.

This bill expands the Pennsylvania Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE) to include indoor air quality projects and resiliency improvement projects as eligible projects. An indoor air quality project is defined as one that reduces exposure to indoor airborne contaminants. Resiliency improvement projects include any change to increase resilience or improve durability to withstand natural disasters, including flood mitigation, wind resistance, energy storage and microgrids.

Other changes include the addition of multi-unit residential housing of at least 5 units to the definition of a qualifying commercial property.

Senate Bill 635 clarifies that the collection of delinquent installments must follow either the Real Estate Tax Sale Law or the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law. Program funds may not be used for any owner-occupied residential unit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 635 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Currently, there are 13 counties that have established a program and four counties that have passed resolutions and are in the process of establishing a program. The expansion of eligible projects enabled in this legislation will have no fiscal impact on local funds as all projects pay an assessment that funds bond repayments.