

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 764

PRINTER NO. 889

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 14, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Argall

DESCRIPTION:

Senate Bill 764 amends the Administrative Code to require legislative training for the Department of State (department).

This legislation requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to develop legislative process training for the department, which includes:

- The legislative process;
- Legislation introduced by the General Assembly (bills, resolutions, concurrent resolutions and joint resolutions); and
- The department’s responsibilities relating to legislation.

The training shall be conducted in-person, and the department shall provide training on the systems and procedures the department has in place to handle its legislative responsibilities and the role each person and entity within the department plays in the process.

Senate Bill 764 requires the following to complete the training:

- Secretary of the Commonwealth;
- Executive Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth;
- Employees in the Office of Policy;
- Employees in the Bureau of Elections and Notaries;
- Employees in the Office of Chief Counsel;
- Employees in the Bureau of Finance and Operations; and
- Employees in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Additionally, the Legislative Reference Bureau shall produce a video of the legislative process training, and all new and current employees who assume a position or move to one of the offices listed above must watch the video before starting in the position. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The implementation of the provisions of Senate Bill 764 can be accomplished within existing staffing and funding levels provided to the department and the Legislative Reference Bureau.