

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 531

PRINTER NO. 1098

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 15, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 531 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by establishing a Grant Evaluation Committee within the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The Grant Evaluation Committee shall:

- 1) Review and evaluate applications for grants awarded from the Veterans' Trust Fund; and
- 2) Provide recommendations on the use of funds to the Adjutant General;

In addition, Senate Bill 531 clarifies that the review and evaluation of applications for grants and providing of recommendations previously made by individuals in accordance with statutory policy is now to be performed by the Grant Evaluation Committee and requires that the Grant Evaluation Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- i. Five members appointed by the Adjutant General, including the chairperson of the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission or a designee, the chairperson of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council or a designee and a county director of veterans affairs;
- ii. One veteran appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- iii. One veteran appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- iv. One veteran appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- v. One veteran appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.