

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1138

PRINTER NO. 1531

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 22, 2024

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Culver

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1138 amends the Administrative Code of 1929 providing for the reauthorization of the State Geospatial Coordinating Board.

This legislation adds the Secretary of Community and Economic Development and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or their respective designees, to the State Geospatial Coordinating Board. The member designated by the Pennsylvania Mapping and Geographic Information Consortium is replaced by a member designated by Keystone GIS. The members designated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors and the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association are removed from the board.

The bill allows representatives to continue to serve on the board until their successors are appointed and allows a designee for the Governor to appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson. The quorum for the board is increased from ten to eleven.

Senate Bill 1138 removes language from the Administrative Code requiring the approval of the Governor for the board to appoint and fix compensation of an executive director. Funding for the executive director's compensation shall be evenly apportioned among all of the members of the Commonwealth agencies. The executive director shall act as the secretary of the board and shall be subject to the same policies and procedures as employees of administrative departments.

The Office of Administration (OA) shall make available facilities, administrative support and other assistance to the board. Compensation of personnel providing support or assistance shall be made from funds apportioned to OA, or as evenly apportioned among each of the Commonwealth agencies represented on the board and administered by the Office of the Budget.

The board shall make a diligent effort to enlist qualified voluntary assistance as available from citizens, research organizations and other agencies. The board may contract with vendors as necessary. Payment of vendors shall be made from funds apportioned to OA or as evenly apportioned among the members of the Commonwealth agencies on the board.

Senate Bill 1138 extends the sunset date for the board from June 30, 2024, to July 31, 2028.

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This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT

According to information provided by the Office of Administration, Senate Bill 1138 will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.