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Version: As Reported by Senate Insurance

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Lang

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill's requirements related to tort actions alleging an asbestos claim could result in an increase in administrative costs for the courts of common pleas to review additional documentation and potentially dismiss cases that do not meet the standard prescribed under the bill. To the extent that any cases are dismissed, there could be a potential cost savings to the court over time.¹

Detailed Analysis

The bill amends current law related to tort actions alleging an asbestos claim filed on or after the effective date of the bill. Specifically, the bill (1) requires a plaintiff in such actions to file a sworn statement of specified disclosures within 30 days of filing the complaint, (2) requires the plaintiff to continue to supplement the information that the plaintiff is required to disclose, and (3) provides for the dismissal of an asbestos claim under specified circumstances.

As a result of the bill, there may be additional motions filed or documents submitted to courts of common pleas for existing asbestos torts which could create a minimal administrative workload increase for the courts where the cases are pending. However, a certain number of cases may resultantly be closed through dismissal, which could create a minor cost savings for the courts. On the motion of the defendant, the court is required to dismiss a claim if the plaintiff fails to comply with the filing requirement, or claims against any defendant not named in the sworn statement.

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¹ The bill does not apply to a claim for workers' compensation or a claim for veterans' benefits.