SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 126

PRINTER NO. 98

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Various Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

January 26, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Brooks

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 126 amends the Regulatory Review Act to require a review of an economically significant regulation after three years.

This bill defines an "economically significant regulation" as a regulation that may be expected to result in direct or indirect cost to the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions and the private sector in excess of $1,000,000 annually.

After an economically significant regulation has been in place for three years, the agency shall report to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) the impact of any direct and indirect cost of the regulation on the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions and the private sector and whether the estimated impact is over or under the originally estimated amount. A copy of the report shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and IRRC shall receive public comment for no less than 30 days. IRRC shall within 30 days of the close of public comment report whether the regulation continues to meet requirements as provided in Section 5.2 of the Regulatory Review Act and whether statutory changes should be considered.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 126 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Each promulgating agency is required to submit to IRRC information for review, including cost estimates, as part of the regulation process. Each agency will have three years to plan for the review of the regulation within current staffing levels. In 2020, there were 21 final regulations approved, seven of which would have been considered "economically significant." All seven originated from a different regulating agency. Therefore, agencies will be able to accommodate the three-year review within existing staffing and budget levels.

In addition, IRRC will be able to accommodate the additional administrative requirements under the legislation within its existing staffing and budget levels.