



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 599 Printer's No. 629

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dunbar
Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Creates the Results First Act (Act) to authorize the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) to obtain data from other Commonwealth agencies to analyze the effectiveness of current government programs.

SUMMARY:

Requires the IFO to implement and maintain the Results First Project (Project), a multidimensional data analyzing system. Within one year of the effective date of the Act, the IFO shall implement the Project by consulting with a nationally recognized organization with expertise with the scientific basis of a cost-benefit analysis model. The IFO shall provide reports as directed by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

Subject to any applicable limitation provided by law, a data source shall submit data requested by the IFO for use as provided by the Act. Data sources include: 1) an office, department, authority, board, multistate agency, commission of the executive branch or an independent agency; 2) the Office of Attorney General; 3) the Department of the Auditor General; 4) the Treasury Department; 5) A judicial agency; 6) A legislative agency; 7) the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Also requires the IFO to work with data sources to identify the appropriate scope and form of data requests. Prohibits the IFO from charging data sources a fee to view reports generated based on their data.

Effective Date: Immediately.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to House Appropriations, February 23, 2017
Reported as committed, March 13, 2017
First consideration, March 13, 2017
Laid on the table, March 13, 2017
Removed from table, May 9, 2017
Second consideration, May 10, 2017
Re-committed to Appropriations, May 10
Third consideration and final passage, May 22, 2017 (194-0)

Referred to Senate State Government, May 31, 2017

Similar version of the bill (HB1205) was passed by the House (185-10) and unanimously reported from Senate State Government in the 2015-2016 legislative session.

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