



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 328

PRINTERS NO. 952

PRIME SPONSOR: Warren

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 328 creates a free-standing act to be known as the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force Act. It would take effect in 60 days.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 328 establishes the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force. Within 25 days after the effective date of the bill, the following members must be appointed:

- (1) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall serve as the chair of the task force;
- (2) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- (3) One member appointed by the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency;
- (4) One member appointed by the Insurance Commissioner;
- (5) One member appointed by the Secretary of Banking and Securities;
- (6) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- (7) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (8) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- (9) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

This legislation prescribes how the task force will conduct business. It requires the physical presence of a majority of the members to constitute a quorum, a majority vote of the members to authorize or ratify an action, and establishes rules for the calling of task force meetings and public hearings. The Departments of Community and Economic Development, Conservation and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and the Insurance Department will cooperate to provide administrative or other assistance to the task force. Task Force members may not receive compensation but will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in service of the Task Force.

House Bill 328 empowers the Task Force to review and analyze the law, procedures, practices, processes and rules relating to the administration of flood insurance. The Task Force is also empowered to hold public hearings for the taking of testimony and the requesting of documents, and may accept and review written comments from individuals and organizations.

No later than six months after the effective date of this bill, the Task Force must make a final report to the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives. In addition to any information that the task force deems appropriate, the report must include recommendations as detailed in the legislation, which include such topics as flood insurance affordability, the administration of flood insurance, and flood mitigation efforts. The report must be adopted at a public meeting of the Task Force and will be a public record under the Right-to-Know Law.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enactment of this legislation will have a minimal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any additional expenses that may be incurred by the Insurance Department or the Departments of Community and Economic Development, Conservation and Natural Resources, or Environmental Protection as a result of this legislation are expected to be handled within existing operating budgets.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*