

FISCAL NOTE

May 21, 2021

Bill No:	SB 411	Printer's No:	489	Sponsor:	Sen. Browne (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2020-2021	2021-2022
State Stores Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 411 merges the Pennsylvania Parole Board (PPB) into the Department of Corrections (DOC).

ANALYSIS: Currently, PPB and DOC operate under a 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), whereas the Board relinquished field supervision to DOC. Passage of SB 411 would formally transfer that function to DOC. Additionally, this legislation would ensure PPB becomes an internal, yet independent, decider of who receives parole while DOC combines field supervision within the community corrections system.

If passed, PPB will remain an independent function and board appointments will remain the same. Finally, the PPB would receive a separate line item in the budget every year moving forward.

SB 411 would take effect immediately upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since the 2017 MOU, the commonwealth has achieved \$12.1M in savings over the course of FY 2017-18 and 2019-20. If fully implemented, SB 411 is projected to save an additional \$17.5M from FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23.

This merger was a prior proposal in the governor's executive budget.