

## FISCAL NOTE

July 14, 2020

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 1166	<b>Printer's No:</b>	1835	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Ward, Kim (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2020-21	2021-22
General Fund	\$2.6 million to \$3 million	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

**SUMMARY:** This bill proposes two constitutional amendments to (1) prohibit denial or abridgement of equality because of race or ethnicity and (2) alter the disaster emergency declaration process.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 1166 proposes two separate and distinct amendments Pennsylvania Constitution.

The first amendment would prohibit the abridgement or denial of equality of rights because of race or ethnicity.

The second amendment would alter the disaster emergency declaration process by removing the requirement that a termination or extension of a disaster emergency declaration be presented to the governor for approval and by prohibiting the governor from issuing a disaster emergency declaration for more than 21 days unless extended by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in two consecutive legislative sessions to comply with advertising requirements. Both proposed amendments would incur these costs separately and distinctly.

Limiting disaster emergency declarations to 21 days and removing the requirement for the governor's approval for disaster terminations would also conflict with future governor's policy and fiscal needs during disasters.