

FISCAL NOTE

May 12, 2025

Bill No:	SB 404	Printer's No:	PN 383	Sponsor:	Yaw
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2024-25	2025-26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: SB 404 amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act to provide for county conservation district stream reconstruction emergency permit authorizations.

ANALYSIS: This bill authorizes a county conservation district to apply for an amendment to its agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Water Obstruction and Encroachment Program for the purpose of stream reconstruction- activities in response to or in anticipation of significant flood events.

This amendment allows the county conservation district to request (and DEP shall issue) an emergency permit for stream reconstruction.

DEP shall develop a stream reconstruction emergency permit and publish issuances of such permits in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Within 60 days of the effective date, DEP shall provide notice to the conservation districts of the availability of these permits.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 404 (along with SB 403) would require hiring five additional FTEs at a cost of \$670,834.69 annually. These positions are needed to develop and administer a training program for counties unfamiliar with stream reconstruction procedures and for follow-up evaluations to assess the effectiveness of county programs. There would also be a burden to develop new regulations.

Counties would also incur costs annually due to the obligation to perform stream maintenance activities.

The positions would be in our Office of Water Programs, Bureau of Waterways, Engineering, and Wetland. Fund to be augmented would be 10382.

Position	Number of Positions Needed	Salary	Benefits	IT/Equipment	Training
Environmental Group Manager (Pay Grade 9)	1	\$75,678	\$52,218	\$5,713	\$13,304
Water Program Specialist (Pay Grade 8)	4	\$265,000	\$182,852	\$22,852	\$53,218

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