

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Lebsack

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**Bill Status:** House Local Government  
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**SHORT TITLE:** STATE PROVIDE UTILITIES FACILITY INFO TO LOCAL GOV

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None required.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, public utilities and power authorities providing electric or natural gas service submit applications to local governments that relate to the location, construction, or improvement of major utility facilities. Local governments have 128 days after submission of a preliminary application, if required, or 90 days after submission of a final application, to take action. A local government must request any additional information required for the application within 28 days after the submission.

This bill allows local governments to request additional information from a state agency, and the state agency must respond within the initial 28 day period if the request is made within a reasonable amount of time. A request for additional information, or a state agency's failure to provide the requested information, does not extend the deadlines for local governments.

**State Expenditures**

This bill is not expected to increase state expenditures, but may increase workload for state agencies that receive requests for information from local governments. Agencies that may receive such requests include the Department of Transportation, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, and the Department of Natural Resources. Because utility projects do not always implicate state agencies, the fiscal note assumes requests will be few in number resulting in a minimal workload increase. This increased workload does not require new appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Municipalities  
Local Governments

Counties  
Regulatory Agencies

Natural Resources  
Transportation