

FISCAL NOTE

May 10, 2022

Bill No:	SB 832	Printer's No:	1106	Sponsor:	Yaw
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: SB 832 amends Title 3 (Agriculture) and 27 (Environmental Resources) to further provide for clean streams.

ANALYSIS: This bill adds a section to Chapter 31 (Conservation Excellence Grant Program) under Title 3 to include mediation of legacy sediment as an eligible project.

SB 832 amends Title 27 to add Chapter 33 (Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction) and establishes the Clean Streams Fund, with \$250 million being appropriated into the fund. The bill also establishes the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (under the State Conservation Commission), the Clean Water Procurement Program (under PENNVEST), and the Municipal Storm Water Assistance Program (under the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)). The bill provides for their duties in oversight of these programs, reporting requirements, and requirements for those participating.

- 50 percent of this funding shall be used for the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program,
- 20 percent to the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund,
- 10 percent to PENNVEST for implementation of the Clean Water Procurement Program,
- 10 percent to DEP for the Municipal Storm Water Assistance Program, two and a half percent for the Keystone Tree Restricted Account, and seven and a half percent to the Nutrient Management Fund. Money remaining in the fund shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain in the fund.

The State Conservation Commission may use up to two percent of the funding provided by the bill on administration of the program and up to two percent to outside entities to execute specific administrative tasks. Conservation districts participating in the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program may use up to six percent of the amount apportioned by the commission for administration of the program. PENNVEST may not use more than 4 percent of their funding to perform its duties under the Clean Water Procurement Program. DEP may dedicate no more than five percent of its funding in the administration of its duties under the Municipal Storm Water Assistance Program.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT: SB 832 appropriates \$250 million for these programs in Fiscal Year 21-22. While the co-sponsorship memo states that American Rescue Plan funds will be used for these programs, it is never explicitly stated in the bill itself. If no dedicated funding source is identified, it will fall to the General Fund. The funding is appropriated as follows.

Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program	50% (\$125 Million)
Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund,	20% (\$50 Million)
Clean Water Procurement Program	10% (\$25 Million)
Municipal Storm Water Assistance Program	10% (\$25 Million)
Keystone Tree Restricted Account	2.5% (\$6.25 Million)
Nutrient Management Fund	7.5% (\$18.75 Million)