

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB217

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Suetterlein

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Campaign finance; reporting of certain contributions received immediately prior to sessions.

5. Summary: Requires any single contribution of \$1,000 or more that is knowingly received or reported by a candidate for statewide office or the General Assembly during the period beginning January 1 and ending on the day immediately before the first day of a regular session of the General Assembly to be reported to and received by the State Board of Elections no later than January 15. The bill requires these contributions to also be reported on the first regular report following the date of the contribution.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, the agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

According to the Department of Elections, an average one-time expense of \$9,375 is estimated for contractor costs to implement redesign changes in its COMmittee Electronic Tracking (COMET) system associated with changes in campaign finance and reporting requirements. This is based on an estimated average of 100 hours of programming, which is expected to be fulfilled by a combination of contractors and in-house agency employees.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local general registrars and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/9/2020