



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1106

PRINTERS NO. 3003

PRIME SPONSOR: Moul

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact Below	

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1106 amends the Domestic Relations Code concerning willful failure to pay child support. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation increases the grading of the offense of willful failure to pay child support from a summary offense to a misdemeanor of the third degree if the offense is a second or subsequent offense or if the individual owes support in an amount equal to or greater than 12 months of the monthly support obligation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The grading changes for willful failure to pay child support should not impact Commonwealth funds. Under current law the summary offense is punishable by a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine. House Bill 1106 sets the maximum penalty for this misdemeanor of the third degree at a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months and a fine of up to \$2,500. Therefore, this legislation may affect the county prison population, resulting in increased costs to county prisons.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*