



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 818

PRINTERS NO. 1710

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 818 amends the Judicial Code concerning disposition information in juvenile court cases and the registration of homeless sex offenders. Certain provisions will take effect immediately, while others will take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation, in amending the Judicial Code related to the disposition of a delinquent child, requires the court to state the reasons for its disposition on the record in open court, together with the goals, terms, and conditions of that disposition. If the child is to be committed to out-of-home placement, the court shall also state the name of the specific facility, or type of facility, to which the child will be committed and the reasons why commitment to that type of facility is consistent with the protection of the public and in the best interests of the child.

In addition, this legislation changes the Judicial Code relating to the registration of sex offenders. Sexual offenders who do not have a permanent residence will be required to register under Megan's Law with passage of this bill. Penalties are established for failure to do so. Penalties are also established for any sexual offender who fails to comply with counseling requirements. There are also criminal penalties established for sexual offenders who are required to register in another state who move into Pennsylvania and fail to register in the Commonwealth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The provisions concerning juvenile court dispositions will have no fiscal impact, and the State Police have indicated that any additional requirements imposed by this legislation for sex offender registration can be handled within their current operating budget.

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