



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

PRINTERS NO. 150

PRIME SPONSOR: Regan

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 166, Printer's Number 150, prohibits individuals who are not in compliance with Megan's Law registration requirements from receiving public assistance. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill prohibits an individual who is required to register as a convicted sexual offender but is not compliant with the registration requirements from receiving public assistance, other than medical assistance. The eligibility for assistance of minor children living in the household shall not be affected by the noncompliant individual being deemed ineligible for assistance. Benefits are reinstated upon showing evidence of compliance with the requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Megan's Law website currently includes nearly 17,300 active offenders and 359 individuals are listed as absconded or non-compliant. The number of non-compliant offenders receiving assistance is not known. Per the Department of Human Services, there would be increased administrative costs to ascertain if an applicant is in compliance with Megan's Law requirements that could be absorbed within current funding. For every non-compliant individual there could be annual savings of up to \$2,500 for those receiving cash assistance and up to \$300 for those receiving the State Supplementary Payments related to the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

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