



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

PRINTERS NO. 3459

PRIME SPONSOR: Stephens

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact" below.	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1496 amends the Crimes Code concerning persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell, or transfer firearms. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1496 amends the Crimes Code to increase penalties for possession of firearm by a convicted felon. It increases the penalty to a felony of the first degree for possession, use, manufacture, control, sale or transfer of a firearm by one who has been convicted of a felony enumerated on a list of felonies within the amended section, or a felony under the Controlled Substances Act or an equivalent crime from another jurisdiction, if the person has previously been convicted of this offense or if the firearm was on or about the person or under their immediate control. Under current law this would be a felony of the second degree, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and up to a \$25,000 fine. A felony of the first degree carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation could have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth by lengthening sentences for convicted felons who illegally possess, use, manufacture, control, sell, or transfer firearms. The current maximum sentence is 10 years in prison and House Bill 1496 would extend that maximum to 20. Therefore, any additional costs would not begin to accrue until 10 years after enactment, if an individual convicted under this legislation begins serving an 11th year of incarceration. It is not possible to provide an estimate of what those costs may be at this time.

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