



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1682

PRINTERS NO. 2494

PRIME SPONSOR: Knowles

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1682 amends the Crimes Code concerning unlawful use of an audio or video device in court. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation adds the offense of unlawful use of an audio or video device in court to the Crimes Code. A person commits this offense if the person in any manner and for any purpose uses or operates a device to capture, record, transmit or broadcast a photograph, video, motion picture or audio of a proceeding or person within a hearing room, courtroom or the environs of a hearing room or courtroom without the approval of the court or presiding judicial officer or except as provided by rules of court. This offense is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation could have a fiscal impact. Reliable data do not exist to determine how many individuals may be arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced for this new offense. However, since this offense is graded as a misdemeanor of the second degree, any fiscal impact would likely fall at the county, not state, level.

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