

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1090

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2005

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 2, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Youngblood

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1090 Printer's Number 2005 amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for protective custody of newborn children in the areas of criminal liability, child protective services and newborn protection.

Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Authorizes a police officer to accept a newborn from a parent who wishes to relinquish the newborn;
- Defines "Police Department," "Police Officer" and "Police Station;"
- Requires police officers accepting newborns to ensure the newborn is transported to a hospital and placed into the care of a health care provider;
- Requires a health care provider at a hospital to notify the county children and youth social service agency and the local municipal police department or the Pennsylvania State Police where no municipal police jurisdiction exists immediately by telephone regarding a newborn accepted by the hospital;
- Grants immunity from civil liability or criminal penalty to a police department, police officer or administrative or managerial personnel of a police department for complying with Chapter 65 (Newborn Protection) of Title 23, related to accepting a newborn; and
- Requires the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to provide the Pennsylvania State Police and police departments with an informational pamphlet regarding the provisions related to newborn protection.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare may incur some costs in performing their duties under this act related to providing informational pamphlets to the Pennsylvania State Police and other police departments but those costs are expected to be minimal and capable of being absorbed within the Department's existing fiscal resources.

Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.