

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 508

PRINTER NO. 2142

AMOUNT

Up to \$960,000 in Savings

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Cox

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 508 prohibits an individual who is required to register as a convicted sexual offender under 42 Pa. C.S. Section 9799.13, and who is not compliant, from receiving public assistance until the individual complies with applicable registration requirements.

Assistance for minor children living in the household shall not be affected by this prohibition.

The Department is required to issue regulations to effect compliance with the registration requirements for individuals who are homeless or transient.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 508 could save the Commonwealth up to \$960,000. There are currently 338 individuals on Pennsylvania's Megan's Law website that are listed as absconded or non-compliant. Passage of this bill would prevent these individuals, if previously eligible) from receiving cash assistance (annual cost of \$2,500) and the State Supplementary Payments (annually up to \$340).