

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 580

PRINTER'S NO: 637

PRIME SPONSOR: Pallone

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):	***************************************	
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 580 amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) by adding county park police to the list of law enforcement officers subject to Municipal Police Officers Training and Education (MPOETC). Under this legislation, county park police officers who have completed their basic training course prior to the effective date of this bill will be assigned a certification number if they have met all necessary qualifications. Certification numbers may be transferred along with an individual if that individual has successfully completed all training required by the commission and is hired by another police department.

House Bill 580 provides that county park police are ineligible for reimbursement for tuition and expenses related to training and second class counties are liable for cost incurred for any required certification training of county park police.

This act takes effect July 1, 2009.

ANALYSIS:

The enactment of House Bill 580 is not expected to have a negative fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds since the bill provides for municipalities to be ineligible for reimbursement of tuition and expenses for the certified basic training of county park police. This legislation also provides that counties are liable for cost incurred for any training required for the certification of county park police officers. This fiscal note assumes that under current statute, House Bill 850 will provide for county park police in Westmoreland County and that said county will be responsible for certification costs.

Under House Bill 580 and current statute related to MPOETC training, county park police may be eligible for reimbursement of non-mandatory annual in-service training requirements. This fiscal note assumes that MPOETC, under this may provision, will not be awarding grants for reimbursement of non-mandatory training requirements for county park police.

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