



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

**HOUSE BILL: 1332      PRINTER'S NO: 2178      PRIME SPONSOR: Gergely**

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

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1332 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) by adding a new section relating to confidential communications to a critical incident stress management team member (CISM) by law enforcement officers. A CISM who has acquired confidential information, in the course of his duties, may not be compelled or allowed to disclose that information in a legal proceeding or any government investigation. Exceptions for disclosing this type of information is provided for under various circumstances in the bill. Examples of exceptions include imminent danger or consent by a law enforcement officer who has received crisis response services.

The new language in House Bill 1332 defines law enforcement officers as any of the following:

- a member of the Pennsylvania State Police;
- any enforcement officer or investigator of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board;
- a parole agent, enforcement officer, or investigator of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole;
- a Capitol Police officer;
- a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ranger;
- a drug enforcement agent of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) whose principal duty is the enforcement of the drug laws of this Commonwealth and a special agent of the (OAG) whose principal duty is the enforcement of the criminal laws of this Commonwealth;
- any member of a Port Authority or other Authority Police department;
- any police officer of a county, city, borough, town, or township;
- any sheriff or deputy sheriff;
- a member of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission;
- a Pennsylvania Wildlife Conservation officer;

- a member of a campus police force with the power to arrest; and
- a member of the Fort Indiantown Gap Police force.

This act takes effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Pennsylvania State Police indicate that there would be no costs associated with the enactment of this legislation and it is assumed that the same is true for all of the law enforcement entities included in this bill.

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