



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**HOUSE BILL: 1384      PRINTER'S NO: 1697      PRIME SPONSOR: Mundy**

<b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b>	<b>FY 2010/11</b>	<b>FY 2011/12</b>
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	\$303,000	\$627,000

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1384 amends Title 42 (Judicial Code) to further provide for the powers and duties of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC).

This act takes effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:**

House Bill 1384 requires JCJC to:

- Analyze data and trends in the juvenile justice system and to make recommendations to judges, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and other appropriate entities.
- Provide information regarding evidence-based programs and other best practices that are consistent with accomplishing the purposes of the Juvenile Act. JCJC will also be required to post the data, analyses, trends, evidence-based programs, and best practices on the commission's website.

According to JCJC, meeting the mandates provided for in House Bill 1384 will require the agency to hire four additional staff and will result in higher operating costs. JCJC has recently lost two juvenile court consultant positions as a result of budgetary issues. JCJC indicates that the addition of new responsibilities under House Bill 1384 necessitates funding for six staff members (recouping the two lost positions and four additional staff) and operating costs. Operating costs to carry out the new duties in House Bill 1384 are approximately \$94,000 and staff costs are approximately \$512,000 for the current fiscal year. However, given the effective date of the bill, this fiscal note assumes that the positions will be filled in January 2011, making the costs for the current year approximately \$303,000.

For FY 2011/12, an estimated \$16,000 in union salary increases is expected to increase to \$528,000 and operating costs would remain at \$94,000 for a total cost of \$627,000.

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