



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 366

PRINTER'S NO: 365

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 366 amends Title 2 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) further providing for the right to bail bringing the Judicial Code into conformity with state Constitutional provisions regarding defendants who are not entitle to bail. The Constitutional amendment regarding bail became effective in 1998 and it provides for denial of bail when charged with first or second degree murder, or where otherwise a life sentence is possible, or where no condition or combination of conditions are reasonably likely to ensure the safety of any person or the community at large. Senate Bill 366 adds the necessary language to bring Pennsylvania statute into conformity with the Pennsylvania Constitution.

This act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS), there should be little or no fiscal impact related to the enactment of Senate Bill 366. The Constitutional amendment in 1998 has been in effect within the Commonwealth and Senate Bill 366 is codifying that Constitutional amendment in statute. Any fiscal impact associated with denial of bail would have been felt when the Constitutional amendment took effect. Therefore, the enactment of Senate Bill 366 is not expected to have any additional fiscal impact on county or Commonwealth funds.

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