



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

PRINTERS NO. 309 PRIME SPONSOR: Gergely

FUND: General

COST / (SAVINGS)

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the act of December 12, 1986 known as the Whistleblower Law which was an act providing for protection of employees who report a violation or suspected violation of State, local, or Federal law. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would add a definition to “public body” to include the General Assembly and its agencies.

The bill would also increase the civil fine for violators of the Act up to \$10,000 from the current \$500. Except where a person holds an elected public office, if a person, while in the employment of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision, intently discourages the disclosure of criminal activity, the court may order the person’s suspension from public service up to 6 months.

FISCAL IMPACT: This bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: February 7, 2011

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.