



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

**HOUSE BILL NO.** 109

**PRINTERS NO.** 84

**PRIME SPONSOR:** Marshall

**FUND:** General

### **COST / (SAVINGS)**

<b>FY 2010/11</b>	<b>FY 2011/12</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**SUMMARY:** The bill amends the act of July 10, 1968 (P.L. 316, No. 154), known as the Legislative Code of Ethics, to prohibit members of the General Assembly from creating legislative nonprofit organizations. The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill amends Section 3 of the Legislative Code of Ethics to add definitions for ethics committee and legislative nonprofit organization. Ethics committee is defined as the Committee on Ethics and Official Conduct of the Senate or the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives. Legislative nonprofit organization is defined as a nonprofit corporation or other entity which receives funds under the General Appropriation Act or another appropriations act at the discretion or by reason of the influence of a member of the General Assembly for the use at the direction or discretion of the member.

A subsection is added to Section 5 of the Legislative Code of Ethics to prohibit members from creating, maintaining or causing to be created or maintained a legislative nonprofit organization. The appropriate Ethics Committee shall issue to a member, upon the member's request, an opinion regarding a member's interest in creating or maintaining a legislative nonprofit organization. The opinion must be issued within fourteen days of the request.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The enactment of this bill will have no adverse 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.*