



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 856

PRINTERS NO. 2678

PRIME SPONSOR: Kauffman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 856 amends the Crimes Code concerning the trafficking of human beings. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the section of the Crimes Code concerning the trafficking of persons. It expands the section by making it a third degree felony to intentionally traffic another person for financial gain if the offender knows or should have known the person is not a United States citizen and cannot produce federal documentation pertaining to their presence in the United States. This would apply whether or not the individuals being trafficked will be subjected to forced labor or services, as is required for the crime under current law.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation is anticipated to have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, there have only been two convictions under the Crimes Code for human trafficking since the section took effect in 2007. Therefore, these changes to the section are not expected to increase sentences or convictions to an extent that would impact state or local corrections or probation and parole budgets.

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