



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

PRINTERS NO. 1748

PRIME SPONSOR: Reichley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	See Below

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1121 amends the Judicial Code by adding a section concerning sentencing for offenses committed in association with a criminal street gang.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation directs the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide a sentencing enhancement for crimes committed at the direction of or for the purpose of benefitting, promoting or furthering the interests of a criminal street gang. The applicability of this enhancement would be determined at sentencing. The bill also provides for definitions and lists the offenses impacted by the enhancement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation may have a fiscal impact to the extent that sentences are enhanced. However, the exact nature of the sentencing enhancement is left to the discretion of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate what that impact may be at this time with available data. The current average cost of incarcerating an offender in state prison is \$33,000 per year and the average cost for state parole supervision is \$3,000 per year.

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