



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2125

PRINTERS NO. 2955

PRIME SPONSOR: Delozier

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact" Below	

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2125 amends the Crimes Code concerning sentences for burglary, robbery, and theft. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation increases the grading of the offenses of burglary, robbery, and theft to a felony of the first degree if the offense involves the taking of a controlled substance or designer drug.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** It is not possible to determine the potential fiscal impact of this legislation at this time. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, the number of individuals convicted of burglary, robbery, or theft each year, and for which the offense is graded as less than a felony of the first degree, is in the thousands. However, there is no information available on the nature of the property stolen in each of these cases. Therefore, there is no way to determine how many of these cases may be impacted by this legislation. As a result, no reliable data exist to determine the potential fiscal impact of this legislation from increased sentencing to state prisons, although the potential for increases does exist. The current average cost of incarcerating an offender in state prison is approximately \$33,000 per year and the average cost for state parole supervision is approximately \$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.*