



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 101

PRINTERS NO. 1427

PRIME SPONSOR: Smucker

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends provisions of Title 65 (Public Officers), commonly known as the Sunshine Act, to increase the maximum penalty that may be imposed on a public official who violates provisions of the Act. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend Title 65, Chapter 7 (commonly known as the Sunshine Act) to increase the maximum penalty that may be imposed on a public official who participates in a meeting with the intent and purpose of violating the open meeting requirements and other provisions of the Sunshine Act.

This legislation would increase the fine of at least \$100 but less than \$1,000 plus the cost of prosecution for a first offense and would add a fine of at least \$500 but less than \$2,000 plus the cost of prosecution for a violation of the Sunshine Act.

This legislation would also prohibit an agency from making a payment to reimburse an official of the agency for any fine or cost resulting from a violation of the Sunshine Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation would have no adverse impact on local funds.

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**DATE:** June 29, 2011

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