



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 374

PRINTERS NO. 2942

PRIME SPONSOR: Krieger

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 374, Printer's Number 2942, amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to further define "police department" and "police officer" so that county park officers are subject to education and training requirements. This legislation would take effect in 90 days upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) by revising both the definitions of "police department" and "police officer" under Subchapter D related to Municipal Police Education and Training, specifically that county park police receive mandatory training as provided by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). This includes a county park police force under section 2511(b) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as the County Code. The bill also references the definition of "primary jurisdiction" in Section 8951 of Title 42.

This legislation also provides that a municipality shall be ineligible for reimbursement for tuition and expenses for the certified basic training of county park police, while counties shall be liable for the costs incurred for any training required for the certification of county park police officers.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. While the MPOETC may reimburse municipalities for training expenses incurred such as tuition, living and travel costs, and salaries of officers attending training, this bill specifically makes all such tuition and training-related expenses of county park police officers ineligible for reimbursement and the responsibility of counties.

Costs to each county could vary depending on the number of officers receiving training. For example, the MPOETC 2013 mandatory in-service training program tuition rates would be \$60 per officer, or it could be no cost to the county if the officer is able to utilize online training options, which are now available after being developed last year. However, a county could also be responsible for the costs related to the basic training of newly-hired officers as well, which are approximately \$3,500 per officer.

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