



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 431

PRINTERS NO. 1515

PRIME SPONSOR: Gingrich

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 431, Printer's Number 1515, amends Title 23, Chapter 63, to require child abuse recognition and reporting training. The effective date is 60 days upon enactment and applies to individuals applying for or renewal of a license or certification on or after January 1, 2015.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires any licensing board with jurisdiction over professional licensees identified as mandated reporters to require all license/certification applicants to submit documentation of at least three hours of approved child abuse recognition and reporting training. Further, for all license/certification renewals, professionals must submit documentation of at least two hours of continuing education of approved child abuse recognition and reporting training per licensing cycle. The two hours of continuing education will count as a portion of the total continuing education required for licensure renewal. The licensing board may exempt an applicant or licensee from these requirements if adequate documentation is provided that the professional has already completed child abuse recognition training; the training was required by the Public School Code or the Public Welfare Code; and the amount of training received equals or exceeds the amount of training or continuing education required in the bill.

The child abuse recognition and reporting training or continuing education must address, but is not limited to, recognition of the signs of child abuse and the reporting requirements for suspected child abuse in Pennsylvania. Training and continuing education must be approved by the Department of Public Welfare.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of the legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The Child Protective Services Law requires the Department of State to make educational and training programs and materials available for all licensing boards whose licensees are charged with reporting suspected child abuse. The Department of State may incur some administrative expenses to perform these duties, which will be covered under existing operations. The Department of Public Welfare may also incur some administrative expenses to perform these duties, which will be covered under existing operations.

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