



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 714

PRINTERS NO. 805

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact" below.

SUMMARY: House Bill 714 amends the Crimes Code concerning identity theft. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation increases the grading of the offense of identity theft by one grade if the victim of the offense is an individual under 18 years of age. Depending on other circumstances, this could increase the grading to a misdemeanor of the second degree, a felony of the second degree, or a felony of the first degree.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on Commonwealth funds. It does not create a new offense, but increases the grading of identity theft based on the age of the victim. Under current law, this grading increase is applied if the victim is 60 years or older. According to data from the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, approximately 50 to 60 people per year are sentenced for identity theft where the victim is 60 years or older. If the number of cases in which the victim is under 18 is similar, this would not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local law enforcement. However, reliable data do not exist to determine this number.

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