



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 993

PRINTERS NO. 1157

PRIME SPONSOR: Murt

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 993, Printer's Number 1157, changes the name of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services and provides for a transition period. The effective date is July 1, 2013.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Public Welfare Code to change the name of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services. Any reference to DPW in statute or regulation will be deemed a reference to the Department of Human Services.

In order to provide an efficient and cost-minimizing transition, licenses, contracts, deeds and any other official action of the Department of Public Welfare will not be affected by the use of the designation of the department as the Department of Human Services. The department is permitted to continue to use the name Department of Public Welfare on badges, licenses, contracts, deeds, stationary and any other official documents until existing supplies are exhausted. The department is further permitted to substitute the title "Department of Human Services" for the "Department of Public Welfare" on its documents and materials on such schedule as it deems appropriate.

The department may not replace existing signage at department locations with the re-designated name until the signs are worn and in need of replacement. This transition must be coordinated with changes in administration.

Additionally, the department must continue to use the name Department of Public Welfare on its computer systems until routine upgrades are made in each computer system, at which time the change in the name shall be made.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Under the bill, the Commonwealth is required to update and/or replace all references to the Department of Public Welfare with the Department of Human Services. Changes would include, but not be limited to, stationary, badges, consumer education and public awareness materials, forms, publications, information technology programs/software and signs. The department has estimated total state costs to be approximately \$1 million.

Given the large volume of impacted materials, it is assumed costs would be significant. However, the department is currently engaged in several IT updates as a result of changes required under the federal Affordable Care Act, therefore, it is assumed that a portion of the costs delineated by the department can be absorbed within existing budgets. Further, this legislation does not provide a specified time frame, but rather a gradual transition. As a result of the gradual implementation, it is expected that the department could continue to rely on existing budgets until the transition is complete.

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