



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1091

PRINTERS NO. 3193

PRIME SPONSOR: Taylor

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1091 amends the Crimes Code concerning sentencing for firearms on public streets and public property in Philadelphia. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would make the offense of carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia a felony of the third degree with a maximum sentence of seven years in prison and a maximum \$15,000 fine. It would also establish a minimum mandatory sentence of at least two years total confinement for persons illegally carrying a firearm of which they are not the lawful owner. In addition, persons sentenced to this minimum sentence would not be eligible for parole, probation, work release or furlough.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC), enactment of this legislation will increase the inmate population by approximately 87 and DOC costs by approximately \$900,000 over a period of five years after enactment. For purposes of this analysis, the first year is assumed to be fiscal year 2014/15, when the population would increase by approximately 21 and costs by approximately \$60,000. This rate of increase continues for the second, third, and fourth years. By the fifth year DOC population increases as a result of this legislation are projected to level out at a total of about 87 inmates, and total increased costs reach approximately \$900,000.

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