



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

PRINTERS NO. 3285

PRIME SPONSOR: R. Miller

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact" below	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1154 amends the Crimes Code concerning harassment, stalking, and threatening to use weapons of mass destruction. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law the crimes of harassment, stalking, and threatening to use weapons of mass destruction each contain an exemption for conduct by a party to a labor dispute. This legislation would remove this exemption, allowing these offenses to be applied to a party to an organized labor dispute. For the crimes of harassment and stalking an exemption still remains for conduct or activity protected by the Constitution of the United States, Federal Law, or the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is not possible to determine the potential fiscal impact of this legislation. Reliable data do not exist to estimate how often perpetrators of harassment, stalking, or threats to use weapons of mass destruction are not prosecuted because they are a party in an organized labor dispute. However, additional expenses for state and local governments could result from enforcement, prosecution, and the incarceration of convicted individuals.

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