



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

PRINTERS NO. 1637

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1274 amends the Judicial Code concerning criminal laboratory user fees. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Judicial Code concerning the calculation and distribution of criminal laboratory user fee assessments. It would allow any criminal laboratory, operated by any class of county or by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), to charge the costs of laboratory services performed for a prosecution to the court where the prosecution occurred to be assessed against the defendant. Collected fees are to be paid to the county performing the services, or to the PSP, where applicable, to be used for the operation and maintenance of the criminal labs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The system to collect and assess fees described in this legislation is already available under current law to the PSP crime lab and crime labs in counties of the first and second class. This legislation simply expands the system to include crime labs operated by any class of county.

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