



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1420

PRINTERS NO. 3544

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1420, Printer's Number 2557, requires all hospitals and birthing facilities to screen newborn children for congenital heart disease. This legislation is effective in 90 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires hospitals and birthing facilities to perform a pulse oximetry test on all newborns prior to discharge from the facility. If a health care practitioner delivers a newborn child other than in a birthing facility and the child is discharged prior to 24 hours of age, the health care practitioner must perform or cause to be performed pulse oximetry screening within 48 hours of birth. The test may not be performed if a parent or guardian of the newborn child dissents on the ground that the test conflicts with religious belief or practice.

The legislation also allows the Department of Health to replace the pulse oximetry test with an alternative medically accepted test by publishing notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and allowing for a 30-day public comment period prior to approving the new test.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Department of Health does not anticipate any fiscal impact from this legislation. The pulse oximetry test is performed in the birthing facility and does not require laboratory services to determine the results.

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