



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

PRINTERS NO. 2068

PRIME SPONSOR: Caltagirone

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1504 amends the Judicial Code and the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Act concerning the content of training courses. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds to the statutorily required content for the training of magisterial district judges and municipal police. Content on the identification of mental health conditions and intellectual disabilities and the availability of diversionary options for individuals suffering from mental health conditions or intellectual disabilities is added to the required training for magisterial district judges. Content on recognizing mental health conditions and intellectual disabilities, proper techniques to interact with individuals suffering from mental health episodes or episodes stemming from intellectual disabilities, and instruction on alternative services or diversionary options available to individuals suffering from mental health conditions or intellectual disabilities is added to the required training for municipal police officers.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) indicate the provisions of this bill will have an impact on the costs of training magisterial district judges' and municipal police officers. The AOPC estimates that such costs would be minimal for the courts, but the PSP raises concerns about potential costs and logistics related to the new training requirements in the bill that may be recurring.

For example, such training falls to the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission (MPOETC) which provides certification and training standards for police officers employed in the Commonwealth. While the current curriculum may address some of the issues outlined in the bill, the MPOETC could determine additional instruction and staff are necessary to incorporate crisis intervention techniques, identification of various mental illnesses and management of such episodes, and descriptions of community services. If the commission's current curriculum does need to be revised, the MPOETC is expected to have recurring annual

costs as a result of these changes to include new staff, additional class room presentations and/or additional instruction materials for the approximately 23,000 municipal officers in the Commonwealth. Any additional costs would require an increase of the current state Municipal Police Training appropriation under the PSP budget.

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