



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1594

PRINTERS NO. 2185

PRIME SPONSOR: Regan

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1594 amends the Crimes Code concerning the luring of a child into a motor vehicle or structure. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: Under current law, the offense of luring a child under 18 years of age into a motor vehicle or structure is graded as a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by up to five years incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000. This legislation changes the grading to a felony of the second degree if the child is under 13 years old. A felony of the second degree is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, in 2011 there were 12 individuals sentenced for luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure as the most serious offense in their judicial proceeding. In 2012 this number was seven. No information is available on the age of the children involved in these incidents, so it is not known how many would have been impacted by this legislation. Increasing the grading of the offense for luring a child under 13 from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the second degree will likely increase the number of cases sentenced to the state Department of Corrections and increase the average minimum sentence. However, given the relatively low number of sentences, it is projected there would be only a minor impact on state and local prison and probation populations.

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