



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1772

PRINTERS NO. 2525

PRIME SPONSOR: Harper

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1772 amends the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L. 3, No. 2), known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act, to include elected and appointed sheriffs and to provide for their training, and to provide for revocation of certification for deputy sheriffs and sheriffs. The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill renames the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act as the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Training Act and makes related editorial changes throughout the Act. A new section is added to the Act (proposed as Section 6.1) to provide for certification, training and continuing education of sheriffs. Sheriffs will now be required to complete the same training as deputy sheriffs in order to obtain certification.

The bill revises the role of the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board from an advisory board to a board charged with the responsibility of revoking certifications of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for a number of specified conditions, including conviction for a felony or misdemeanor of the first or second degree, misconduct, submission of fraudulent documents, or upon determination by the board that the person is physically or psychologically unfit to perform the duties of the office. The board is also provided the power to reinstate previously revoked certifications when the board finds that the circumstances that led to the revocation are no longer an impediment to certification.

Section 8 of the Act is amended in the bill to remove the provision that any excess funds in the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Account, after accounting for a reserve to adequately assure the continued operation of the training program, be transferred to the General Fund. Language is added to provide that moneys in the account shall be used exclusively for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Excess funds in the Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Account were last transferred to the General Fund in 2002-03. As of February 28, 2014, the Account had an available balance of \$1,292,510.97. It is expected these funds will be utilized to oversee the new training requirements for sheriffs and to establish a board protocol related to the revocation and reinstatement of sheriff and deputy sheriff certifications.

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