



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 689

PRINTERS NO. 677

PRIME SPONSOR: Corman

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 689, Printer's Number 677 amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) by adding a new chapter providing for the prevention of child abduction. This legislation is effective in 90 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds Chapter 52, Uniform Child Abduction Prevention, to provide guidance for courts to follow during custody disputes and divorce proceedings. This guidance is designed to help courts identify families at risk for child abduction and to provide methods to prevent the interstate or foreign abduction of children. The guidelines also allow a party to a child custody order to seek, through the petition process, a supplemental order establishing anti-child abduction measures as long as that party can demonstrate a heightened probability that abduction is possible. The legislation details what must be contained in any petition for anti-child abduction measures and lists the factors the court must consider in determining the risk of abduction.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, minor changes to the Common Pleas Case Management System will be required but the changes will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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