



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 894

PRINTERS NO. 1504

PRIME SPONSOR: Alloway

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 894 amends the Judicial Code concerning the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and criminal history record checks. It would take effect in 60 days.

### ANALYSIS:

This legislation authorizes the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners to require persons applying for admission to the bar and the practice of law in this Commonwealth to be subject to a Federal criminal history record check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a State criminal history record check through the Pennsylvania State Police. Any such information relating to an applicant obtained by the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners may be used only to determine the applicant's character, fitness and suitability for admission to the bar and the practice of law in this Commonwealth.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Application fees and fees for criminal history record checks are paid by the applicants.

**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Miller  
House Appropriations Committee (R)

**DATE:** April 29, 2014

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