



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1185

PRINTERS NO. 2194

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Allegheny County Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Second Class County Code to expand the allowable uses of fees collected for coroner's reports and documents. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would expand the uses for which the fees collected for various coroner reports and documents, including autopsy, toxicology and inquisition reports, may be used in Allegheny County. Currently, the fees are only used to defray the expenses of training and educating the coroner and deputy coroner. This legislation authorizes the fees to be used to supplement any other moneys to defray the expenses of staff, equipment and supplies related to determining the cause and manner of death.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or Allegheny County funds.

Allegheny County brings in approximately \$200,000 per year for fees collected for various coroner (medical examiner) reports and documents. The medical examiner's office has not exceeded \$66,933 in educational expenses per year since 2005, and since these fees must be used for the education of the medical examiner and the deputy coroner, any excess funds not needed for these educational expenses have been accumulating. Currently, these accumulated restricted funds have a fund balance of over \$900,000.

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