



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1197

PRINTERS NO. 2272

PRIME SPONSOR: Greenleaf

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2014/15 | FY 2015/16 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1197 amends the Crimes Code and the Judicial Code concerning juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 1197 makes several changes to both the Crimes Code and the Judicial Code.

In section 5121 of the Crimes Code concerning escape, it clarifies that if a juvenile offender is at least 18 years of age at the time of an escape from detention, and the juvenile offender was being detained for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would be graded as a felony, then the escape statute's higher grading of felony of the third degree will apply.

Section 9123 of the Crimes Code is amended with a technical change concerning juvenile records.

This legislation amends Chapter 63 of the Judicial Code concerning juvenile justice. It provides that in the case of a summary offense, the same rules regarding access to the records by the public and access to the proceedings by the public apply to Philadelphia Municipal Court and the courts of common pleas as currently apply to the minor judiciary. It also provides that the Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC) will no longer be an intermediary with respect to records regarding the disposition of juvenile cases. Instead, the records will go from the court to the Administrative Office of PA Courts (AOPC), which will forward those records to the PA State Police for inclusion in the central repository.

The Judicial Code is amended concerning the registration of sexual offenders. Language is added to clarify that, in all circumstances, the Commonwealth requires registration of out-of-state juvenile sexual offenders who move to Pennsylvania. There are also technical changes to address inter-county cases of juvenile offenders adjudicated delinquent for offenses which trigger registration as a sex offender, and to the definition of "Sexually violent predator".

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the AOPC and the JCJC, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse 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.