



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1290

PRINTERS NO. 2320

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1290, Printer's Number 2320, creates the Kelsey Smith Act to require cell phone companies to disclose mobile communications tracking information to law enforcement.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates the "Kelsey Smith Act" which requires a wireless telecommunications service provider to disclose mobile communications tracking information to law enforcement officials investigating emergency situations. The information would be provided upon receipt of a written form from law enforcement in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious bodily harm to a person who possesses a telecommunications device and requires disclosure without delay of information relating to the emergency.

The bill requires wireless telecommunications service providers to develop protocols to respond to a written request from a law enforcement agency and provides immunity from prosecution for wireless service providers which provide mobile communications tracking information pursuant to a written request from law enforcement in an emergency situation.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: October 7, 2014

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