



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 217

PRINTERS NO. 210

PRIME SPONSOR: Regan

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact" below.	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 217 amends the Crimes Code concerning sentencing guidelines for robbery. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would require the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) to provide for a sentencing enhancement if during the commission of a robbery or immediate flight therefrom, the perpetrator knowingly concealed or attempted to conceal all or part of his or her face in order to hide his or her identity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of the sentencing enhancement for robbery at this time. According to data from the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, each year there are approximately 1,850 convictions for various types of robbery statewide. What is not known is how many individuals committed these crimes in a way that would qualify for the sentencing enhancement for concealing their identity under this legislation. However, this number indicates that it is possible hundreds of people could have their sentences enhanced through passage of House Bill 217.

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