



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1574

PRINTERS NO. 2268

PRIME SPONSOR: Marsico

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	Minimal	Minimal

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1574 amends the Antihazing Law. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation makes two changes to the Antihazing Law. Under current law, the offense of hazing is limited to hazing against a student at a college or university as a condition for initiation or admission into an organization affiliated with that college or university. House Bill 1574 would expand the offense to include hazing done to any person as a condition for initiation or admission into any organization.

In addition, under current law institutions of higher education must adopt written antihazing policies and rules for their enforcement. House Bill 1574 would expand that requirement to any public or private school providing instruction in grades 7 through 12 or any combination of those grades.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation to expand the scope of the offense of hazing could lead to more convictions for hazing, which is a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$2,500. However, according to data from the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, in 2014, the most recent year available, there were no criminal convictions for hazing. Therefore, the fiscal impact from the enactment of this legislation is expected to be minimal.

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