



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 917

PRINTERS NO. 1922

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 917 amends the Juvenile Act concerning interagency information sharing. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 917 adds a new section to the Juvenile Act concerning interagency information sharing. It provides that in cases where a child is alleged to be dependent or delinquent or where the child is the subject of an investigation regarding child abuse or has been accepted for services from the county agency, the contents of county agency, juvenile probation, drug and alcohol, mental health and education records of the child may be shared among agencies trying to help the child.

The county agency, court, or juvenile probation department may use the records to aid in the proper disposition of the child. If no child-specific or confidential information is in the records, these same records may be shared in furtherance of efforts to identify and provide services to children who are determined to be at risk of child abuse.

In addition, this legislation allows a county to establish an interagency information sharing agreement for use by the county agency, juvenile probation department, law enforcement, local school districts, and drug and alcohol agencies. Such agreements would be subject to court approval and the confidentiality requirements of federal and Commonwealth law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: June 21, 2016

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