



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

PRINTERS NO. 350

PRIME SPONSOR: White

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 27, Printer's Number 350 amends Title 44 (Law and Justice) by adding a new section providing for the release of law enforcement officer information when the officer has been involved in an incident where there was a firearm discharge or use of force.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 27, PN 350 prohibits the releasing of the name and identifying information of a law enforcement officer under an official investigation into the discharge of a firearm or use of force resulting in death or serious bodily injury of an individual. The prohibition also applies to a public employee of the law enforcement officer's employing agency, the agency conducting the official investigation, and any person acting on behalf of a public employee or agency. Section 511 does not apply to the Office of Attorney General or a district Attorney's office

At the conclusion of the official investigation, the legislation requires the release of the information of the law enforcement officer if the officer is charged with a criminal offense arising from the investigation. Except during a period in which the release of the information can reasonably be expected to create a risk of harm to the person or property of the law enforcement officer or an immediate family member, the release may be made 30 days after the incident; or after the completion of an official investigation. Information of the law enforcement officer may be released if the officer provides written consent, or done pursuant to court rules.

Violation of this provision will result in a misdemeanor of the second degree.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days

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

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**DATE:** March 17, 2017

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