



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

PRINTERS NO.

94

PRIME SPONSOR: Jozwiak

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 128, Printer's Number 94 amends Title 18 (Crimes Code) to establish a higher penalty for dealing in infant children.

ANALYSIS:

The legislation defines "infant child" as a child one year of age and under. Under current law the offense of dealing in infant children is graded as a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by up to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. HB 128 would increase that grading to a felony of the first degree, punishable by up to 20 years in prison and up to a \$25,000 fine.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing there are no reported sentences for this offense in the past four years. Therefore, enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. An impact would only occur if an individual is convicted and serves more than the current prison maximum (5 years).

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