



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

PRINTERS NO. 164

PRIME SPONSOR: Metcalfe

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 157, Printer's Number 164 amends Title 37 (Historical and Museums), providing for amendatory language to update the History Code. It would be effective in 60 days.

### ANALYSIS:

HB 157 amends the History Code by making changes to the administration of the State Archives, archival records and other public records managed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The changes provided by the legislation are as follows:

- Removes PHMC annual report requirement on the operation of the Conservation Center;
- Removes PHMC notification requirements when disposing of non-beneficial property;
- Establishes procedures for the sale or disposal of abandoned property on loan to PHMC;
- Identifies that PHMC shall be the administrator for the State Archives and historically valuable public records of the Commonwealth transferred to PHMC;
- Authorizes PHMC to maintain archival records and other public records;
- Requires PHMC's internet site to include a public notice stating there will be public access to archival records 75 years or older beginning on January 1, 2017, unless specifically prohibited by law;
- Establishes procedures by which PHMC may retrieve Commonwealth and local archival records; and
- Removes certain properties from PHMC's charge that have been transferred or sold.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

According to PHMC, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** February 7, 2017

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