



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1176

PRINTERS NO. 1529

PRIME SPONSOR: Miller, D

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1176, Printer's Number 1529, establishes the Law Enforcement Concussion Safety Act to provide for a concussion protocol.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation establishes the Law Enforcement Concussion Safety Act to provide for a concussion protocol for all law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Police shall develop a concussion protocol which will be used by each police department for officers who suffer from or who have suffered from a head impact or a head injury while on the job.

The PSP shall develop the concussion protocol in consultation with the following: Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association; Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association; Union representatives of law enforcement officers; and appropriate State agencies that have expertise in the area of traumatic brain injury. The protocol shall be developed and made public no later than 180 days after the bill's effective date.

The PSP shall post and maintain the concussion protocol on its publicly available website, and the information shall be reviewed and updated as least once every five years.

The bill also state that the act is not intended to limit the implementation of additional protections for law enforcement officers regarding head impacts or head injuries on the job.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. It is expected that any administrative costs related to the development and posting of a concussion protocol specific to law enforcement will be covered under existing operations. It should also be noted that concussion-related information already exists through other online resources, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania.

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