



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1461

PRINTERS NO. 2064

PRIME SPONSOR: Fee

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1461, printer's number 2064, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Office of State Inspector General further providing for criminal charges.

The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill amends Section 506-A of The Administrative Code to expand the list of Title 18 offenses that the Office of State Inspector General has the power to investigate and file criminal charges when a violation is found. Currently, the Inspector General has the specific authority to investigate and file charges for violations of 18 Pa.C.S. § 7313 (relating to buying or exchanging federal food order coupons, stamps, authorization cards or access devices); and 18 Pa.C.S. § 7314 (relating to fraudulent traffic in food orders). The bill amends the section to provide the Office of State Inspector General with the power to investigate the following additional provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. substantially related to the administration of benefits by the Department of Human Services to include:

- Section 3921 (theft by unlawful taking),
- Section 3922 (theft by deception),
- Section 4101 (forgery),
- Section 4104 (tampering with records or identification),
- Section 4106 (access device fraud),
- Section 4107 (deceptive or fraudulent business practices),
- Section 4120 (identity theft), and
- Section 4914 (false identification to law enforcement authorities).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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