



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 814

PRINTERS NO. 1822

PRIME SPONSOR: Yudichak

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 814 amends the Crimes Code concerning evading arrest or detention on foot and harming a police animal while evading arrest or detention. It would take effect in 60 days.

#### ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 814 adds a new section to the Crimes Code creating the offense of evading arrest or detention on foot. A person commits this offense if the person knowingly and intentionally flees on foot from a public servant attempting to lawfully arrest or detain that person. This offense is a felony of the third degree if a person flees or attempts to evade arrest or detention for an underlying offense that constitutes a felony or misdemeanor, and another person suffers serious bodily injury as a direct result. It is a felony of the second degree if a person flees or attempts to evade arrest or detention for an underlying offense that constitutes a felony or misdemeanor, and another person suffers death as a direct result. It is a misdemeanor of the second degree if a person flees or attempts to evade arrest or detention for an underlying offense that constitutes a felony or misdemeanor, and a summary offense in all other circumstances.

This legislation also adds a new section to the Crimes Code creating the offense of harming a police animal while evading arrest or detention. A person commits this offense if they harm a police animal while resisting arrest, disarming a law enforcement officer, or evading arrest or detention on foot. If a police animal dies or suffers serious bodily injury during the offense it is graded as a felony of the third degree. If a police animal suffers bodily injury the offense is graded as a misdemeanor of the second degree. In a case in which a defendant is convicted of this offense, the defendant will be ordered to make restitution to the agency or individual owning the animal for veterinary bills, for replacement costs of the animal if it is disabled or killed and for the salary of the animal's handler for the period of time the handler's services are lost.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Data are not available to reliably estimate how many individuals may be convicted and sentenced for these new offenses. Therefore, its potential fiscal impact on Commonwealth and local governments is indeterminable.

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