



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1706

PRINTER'S NO. 2309

PRIME SPONSOR: Conklin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1706, Printer's Number 2309 amends the act of April 9, 1929, known as the Administrative Code, to add Enforcement Officers to the Office of State Inspector General.

### ANALYSIS:

This legislation adds to the requirements for the Office of State Inspector General (OSIG), the definition of an "Enforcement Officer" and provides that the Enforcement Officer will have the power to carry a firearm while in performance of their official duties. The Enforcement Officer must complete basic firearms training and annual firearms training or other similar training as approved by the OSIG.

This legislation will take effect immediately.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The OSIG currently has law enforcement personnel that meet the "Enforcement Officer" definition in this legislation. As the legislation allows Enforcement Officers to carry, possess and use a firearm, the OSIG will need to provide each Enforcement Officer with a firearm and the required firearm training. The OSIG estimates an increased cost of \$260,000 to purchase the firearms and provide firearm training.

Assuming that this legislation is enacted in December, the purchase of firearms and training is likely to occur between January and June 2024, and the OSIG can cover this increase with their current appropriation. In FY 2024/25, the OSIG will need to provide annual firearm training, as required by the legislation, which is expected to result in a nominal cost to the commonwealth.

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