

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1546

PRINTER'S NO. 3167

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 12, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Toohil

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to JUDICIARY, May 12, 2011
Reported as amended, May 24, 2011
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Laid on the table, May 24, 2011
Removed from table, June 7, 2011
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In the Senate
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Re-reported as committed, April 2, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1546 amends section 6373 (4) (Powers and duties) of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to further provide for powers and duties of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC).

Specifically, this legislation eliminates the current requirement of JCJC to "compile and publish such statistical and other data as may be needed to accomplish reasonable and efficient administration of the juvenile courts system," and replaces it with the requirement to analyze the data required to be collected by JCJC to identify trends and evidence-based programs and practices to ensure efficient administration of the juvenile justice system. Further, the bill requires the JCJC to make recommendations to judges, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and other appropriate entities and to post that information on JCJC's website.

The effective date of this legislation is 60 days after enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The JCJC indicated that any costs related to complying with the new responsibilities contained within this legislation to analyze data and post it on their website would be offset by the elimination of the current responsibilities to compile and publish data.

The enactment of this legislation would have no adverse affect on Commonwealth funds.