

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 221

PRINTER NO. 464

AMOUNT

Minimal Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 26, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Caltagirone

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 221 amends Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide that municipal police officers and Magisterial District Judges receive training regarding persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities and autism and the availability of diversionary options for individuals with such illnesses.

Specifically, this legislation amends Titles 42 and 53 as follows:

- **Title 42:**
 - Amends §3118 to require that, every six (6) years, the Magisterial District Judges continuing education program include the identification of mental illness, intellectual disabilities and autism and the availability of diversionary options for individuals with mental illness, intellectual disabilities or autism.
- **Title 53:**
 - Amends §2164 by requiring the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to provide training for police officers with respect to:
 - i. Recognition of mental illness, intellectual disabilities and autism;
 - ii. Proper techniques to interact with and de-escalate individuals engaging in behavior indicative of mental illness, intellectual disability or autism; and
 - iii. Instruction on services available to individuals with mental illness, intellectual disabilities or autism.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Minor Judiciary Education Board is funded from the General Fund and the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) is funded from the General Fund and the Motor License Fund.

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) may incur some costs to formalize the above mentioned education and training, although it is expected that such costs would be minimal and capable of being absorbed within the AOPC and PSP's current appropriations.