

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1126

**PRINTER NO.** 1638

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 9, 2018

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Reschenthaler

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1126 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for a continuing education requirement for judges to identify indigent individuals.

Specifically, this legislation amends §3118 (relating to continuing education requirement) of Title 42 to provide that on a frequency as determined appropriate by the Minor Judiciary Education Board, the magisterial district judges continuing education program shall include instruction on options available to indigent defendants for failure to pay court costs, fines, restitution or fees in summary cases.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), the additional responsibility prescribed in this legislation would be combined with the current magisterial district judges' continuing education program and is assumed to be accommodated within existing staffing and funding levels for the Judiciary.

Therefore, enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.