



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1567

PRINTERS NO. 2069

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1567, printer's number 2069, amends the act of July 8, 1978 (P.L. 752, No. 140), known as the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act, by further providing for definitions and for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution. The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends Section 2 of the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act by broadening the list of criminal offenses for which public officials or public employees must forfeit their pensions. The additional offenses added by the bill are:

- Neglect of care-dependent person (as defined in Section 2713 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes),
- Institutional sexual assault (as defined in Section 3124.2 of Title 18),
- Endangering the welfare of children (as defined in Section 4304 of Title 18),
- Providing controlled substance contraband to confined persons (as defined in Section 5123 of Title 18), and
- Corruption of minors (as defined in Section 6301 of Title 18).

The bill also amends Section 3 of the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to clarify that a public official's or public employee's pension benefits shall be immediately forfeited upon entry of a plea of guilty or no contest or upon initial entry of a jury verdict or judicial order of guilty rather than upon sentencing for the offense. Similarly, Section 4 of the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act is amended to clarify that court-ordered restitution shall begin immediately for any loss incurred by the Commonwealth or political subdivision as a result of the criminal offense.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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