



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

PRINTERS NO. 464

PRIME SPONSOR: Caltagirone

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 221 amends the Judicial Code and the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Act concerning the content of training courses. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds to the statutorily required content for the continuing education of magisterial district judges and the training of municipal police. Content on the identification of mental health conditions, intellectual disabilities, and autism; and the availability of diversionary options for individuals suffering from mental health conditions, intellectual disabilities, and autism is added to the continuing education requirements for magisterial district judges, and must be covered at least every six years. Content on recognizing mental health conditions, intellectual disabilities, and autism, and proper techniques to interact with individuals suffering from mental health episodes or episodes stemming from intellectual disabilities or autism, and instruction on alternative services or diversionary options available to individuals suffering from mental health conditions, intellectual disabilities, or autism is added to the required training for municipal police officers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) indicate the provisions of this bill will have an impact on the costs of training magisterial district judges and municipal police officers. The AOPC cannot provide exact figures but notes that continuing education costs for the Minor Judiciary Education Board are likely to increase as specialty topics, such as contained in this legislation, are added to the continuing education requirements. The PSP expect any potential costs will be covered under existing operations and curriculum expenditures.

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