



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

PRINTER'S NO. 15

PRIME SPONSOR: Conklin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 36, Printer's Number 15 amends the Administrative Code of 1929, defines "Enforcement officer" within the Office of State Inspector General and provides them with the power to carry firearms when performing their official duties.

#### ANALYSIS:

This legislation adds to the requirements for the Office of State Inspector General (OSIG), the definition of an "Enforcement officer" and provides that the Enforcement Officer will have the power to carry firearms while in performance of their official duties. The Enforcement Officer must complete basic firearms training and annual firearms training, or other similar training as approved by the OSIG.

This legislation will take effect immediately.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The OSIG currently has law enforcement personnel that meet the "Enforcement Officer" definition in this legislation. As the legislation allows Enforcement Officers to carry, possess and use firearms, the OSIG will need to provide each Enforcement Officer with a firearm and the required firearm training. The OSIG estimates an increased cost of \$260,000 to purchase the firearms and provide firearm training.

If this legislation is enacted prior to June 30, 2025, the OSIG can cover this increase with their current appropriation. If this legislation in FY 2025/26, the OSIG will need to provide annual firearm training, as required by the legislation, which is expected to result in a nominal cost to the commonwealth.

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