

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1328

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Pogge

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Written notice to sex offenders of applicable laws.

5. Summary: Requires that a copy of all laws applicable to the requirements placed upon persons required to register or reregister with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry be provided to such persons once per year upon registration or upon reregistration. The Attorney General is responsible for approving the list of laws to be provided, and such list shall be printed from the Department of State Police website and given directly to the person along with his receipt of registry.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 407

8. Fiscal Implications: The Commonwealth currently has approximately 10,000 sex offenders which are not incarcerated and would require the mailing of these materials to their address of record.

According to the Department of State Police, the cost for mailing the required materials to all sex offenders not incarcerated by certified mail, return receipt required, is from \$106,500 to \$109,900 per year.

The department determined the costs with the following information.

Large envelope containing 5 sheets costs approximately \$10.65 per sex offender.
Large envelope containing 10 sheets costs approximately \$10.82 per sex offender.
Large envelope containing 15 sheets costs approximately \$10.99 per sex offender.

10,000 offenders X \$10.65 = \$106,500.00
10,000 offenders X \$10.82 = \$108,200.00
10,000 offenders X \$10.99 = \$109,900.00

The department seeks general fund support for this proposal. According to the State Police, the Sex Offender Registry revenue is not sufficient to support this additional cost. In addition, the department is concerned that if the Sex Offender Registry fee is increased, actual revenues to the program would likely decrease as more people are relying on the Internet for this information.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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