

Department of Planning and Budget

2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2330

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Establishment of information exchange program

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would require the Secretary of Public Safety to establish an information exchange program with those states that share a border with Canada or Mexico. The purpose of the exchange would be to collect information to address threats posed within the Commonwealth by:

- the production or operation of criminal enterprises by transnational gangs;
- the production, transportation, distribution, or use of illegal drugs, firearms, or explosives;
- the activities of international or domestic terror organizations, agents, or sponsors thereof; and
- the criminal repercussions that result from the presence in the Commonwealth of persons or organizations illegally present in the United States.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 407

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	\$91,377	1.0	General
2013	\$109,653	1.0	General
2014	\$109,653	1.0	General
2015	\$109,653	1.0	General
2016	\$109,653	1.0	General
2017	\$109,653	1.0	General

8. Fiscal Implications:

The Departments of State Police and of Emergency Management manage the Commonwealth Fusion Center. This entity is responsible for collecting and analyzing information and intelligence regarding threats against the public safety of the Commonwealth. It works closely with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The fusion center has the computer hardware and software that would be needed to establish the information exchange program and databases required by the proposed legislation. There would be a need for an additional position, a database administrator, to implement the provisions of the bill. This position would be responsible for contacting the other states involved, establishing data sharing agreements with them, building the databases to collect that information, developing the computer interfaces needed to collect the information, and maintaining the system after it had been established.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Secretary of Public Safety
Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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