

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2129** by Burns (Relating to a merchant allowing a person suspected of committing or attempting to commit theft to complete a theft education program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would establish that a merchant is not precluded from offering a person suspected of stealing or attempting to steal from the merchant an opportunity to complete a theft education program instead of reporting the person to a law enforcement agency. The bill would establish requirements related to such a program.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact and any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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