



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 631

PRINTERS NO. 668

PRIME SPONSOR: Marsico

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 631 amends the Judicial Code concerning a mandatory period of probation for certain sexual offenders. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation provides that a person who is convicted in a court of this Commonwealth of a Tier 3 sexual offense must be sentenced to a mandatory period of probation of three years consecutive to and in addition to any other lawful sentence issued by the court.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will gradually have a fiscal impact on the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, peaking at about 10 to 11 years after enactment. It will only apply to those convicted of Tier 3 sexual offenses committed after the effective date of the bill, and the mandatory probation will be added after completion of their maximum sentence of prison and/or parole. Tier 3 sexual offenses are the most serious and receive the longest sentences. Therefore, the impact of this legislation will not occur immediately. About 25% of these offenders are sentenced to county prisons with maximum sentences of just under 2 years. The majority of these offenders, about 60%, are sentenced to state prison with average maximum sentences of about 10 years. According to data provided by the Board of Probation and Parole, it will increase Board supervision by eventually adding approximately 1,000 additional offenders and increase costs to an estimated maximum of \$3 million to \$4 million in additional expenditures per year, in today's dollars, not adjusted for inflation. The current, 2016-17 budget for the Board of Probation and Parole is \$176 million.

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