



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

PRINTERS NO. 2627

PRIME SPONSOR: Murphy

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

SUMMARY: House Bill 601 amends the Judicial Code, section 9718, concerning sentences for offenses against infant persons. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation states that a person convicted of murder in the third degree where the victim is less than 13 years of age must be sentenced to not less than 13 years in prison.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Corrections (DOC) estimates the fiscal impact of this legislation will be minimal. The Department receives approximately 190 third degree murder offenders per year. Reliable data do not exist to determine how many have been convicted of killing a child under 13 years of age, and would thereby receive increased sentences due to passage of this legislation. However, the DOC believes less than 10% of the total number of offenders, or less than 20 offenders per year, would be impacted. Numbers this small would not significantly impact the DOC budget.

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