



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1264

PRINTERS NO. 3643

PRIME SPONSOR: Parker

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2010/11 | FY 2011/12 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: House Bill 1264 adds a new section to the Judicial Code concerning expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would allow expert witnesses in cases involving sexual offenses, statutory sexual assault, and any case in which conviction would require the offender to register under Megan's Law. The expert witness would assist the trier of fact in understanding the dynamics of sexual violence, victim responses to sexual violence, and the impact of sexual violence on victims during and after being assaulted. A witness qualified by the court as an expert in a sexual assault case may be called by the attorney for the Commonwealth or the defendant.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: June 21, 2012

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