



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

PRINTERS NO. 6

PRIME SPONSOR: Simmons

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 20 amends the Crimes Code concerning concealing the death of a child. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation increases the grading of the offense of concealing the death of a child from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. It makes the offense applicable to a parent, an individual residing in the same household as the child, or an individual responsible for the child's welfare. It also adds a definition for "parent," which includes natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, guardian or an individual involved in an intimate relationship with the child's parent.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. According to data from the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, in 2010 one individual was convicted of concealing the death of a child in Pennsylvania. In 2011 that number rose to two, and in 2012 it was one again. Therefore, the sentencing changes in this bill are not expected to significantly increase prison populations.

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