



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

PRINTERS NO. 324

PRIME SPONSOR: Harhart

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	See fiscal impact below

SUMMARY: House Bill 316, printer's number 324, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, as amended, to further provide for domestic violence and rape victims services; and providing for children's advocacy centers. Effective date is 90 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends section 2333(b) of The Administrative Code to provide for a \$5 increase in the current \$10 fine to fund Domestic Violence and Rape Victim Services. A new article (proposed as Article XXIII-B) is also added to The Administrative Code to provide for funding of children's advocacy centers. Similar to the fine assessed to fund Domestic Violence and Rape Victim Services, the bill imposes a \$15 fine to provide funding for new and existing children's advocacy centers. In both cases the fines are assessed on individuals who plead guilty or nolo contendere to or are convicted of any crime as defined in and proscribed by 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses) or crimes enumerated in the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

Revenue from the new \$15 fine shall be administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) who shall make grants to the extent that funds are available. Grants shall be provided to qualified applicants on a regional basis for the operation of 21 existing children's advocacy centers and for the establishment of new centers. In the first three years after the effective date of the article, PCCD shall endeavor to provide 30% of the funds collected to qualified applicants working to establish children's advocacy centers in regions not yet served by such centers. No more than 20% of funds collected annually shall be provided to any single qualified applicant.

FISCAL IMPACT: Based on 2011-12 collections and disbursement data for the Domestic Violence and Rape Victim Services program, the enactment of this legislation is anticipated to generate as much as \$700,000 annually in additional funds for Domestic Violence and Rape Victim Services and as much as \$2,200,000 annually for Children's Advocacy Centers. An appropriation will need to be made to PCCD in order for PCCD to be able to provide grants to qualified Children's Advocacy Center applicants.

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