



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

PRINTERS NO. 490

PRIME SPONSOR: Marsico

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 446 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 eventually have a fiscal impact on the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. 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. 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 in today's dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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