



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1974

PRINTERS NO. 2830

PRIME SPONSOR: English

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1974, Printer's Number 2830 amends the Crime Victims Act (P.L. 882, No.111), by amending Section 201 (Rights).

ANALYSIS:

HB 1974 amends Section 201 of the Crime Victims Act stating that a victim has the right be included in any criminal proceeding, unless it is determined by the court that the testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at the proceeding. Before making a determination the court must make every effort to permit attendance by the victim and will consider reasonable alternatives to the exclusion of the victim. The final court determination will be stated clearly in the official court record.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: February 5, 2018

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