



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1011

PRINTERS NO. 1824

PRIME SPONSOR: Reschenthaler

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1011, Printer's Number 1824 amends Article 1 (Declaration of Rights) by adding a new Section 9.1 (Rights of victims of crime) to the Pennsylvania Constitution.

#### ANALYSIS:

SB 1011 proposes an amendment to the PA Constitution that would add a new Section 9.1 to provide specific rights for victims as defined by the PA General Assembly. The legislation provides that victims will be protected in a manner no less vigorous than the rights afforded to the accused and are to be treated with fairness and respect. In addition to the protections afforded to the victim from the accused, the legislation further extends protections for the victim from anyone acting on behalf of the accused.

Upon passage of identical legislation in a subsequent legislative session, this legislation would take effect on the next January 1 following the approval by the electors.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The first passage of a proposed constitutional amendment requires that the Secretary of the Commonwealth advertise the amendment in accordance with Article XI (Amendments), Section 1 (Proposal of amendments by the General Assembly and their adoption) of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The constitutional amendment advertising requirements will result in a cost of approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

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