



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1209

PRINTERS NO. 1886

PRIME SPONSOR: Langerholc

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1209 Printer's Number 1886, amends the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act regarding timeframes for the submission of sexual assault evidence and to require a biannual report. This legislation is effective in 60 days except as noted.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act (Act 165 of 2006 as amended by Act 27 of 2015) to require a health care facility to contact local law enforcement authorities within 12 hours of collection of sexual assault evidence. If the local law enforcement agency does not take possession of the evidence within 72 hours, the health care facility must notify the Department of Health (DOH). SB 1209 requires DOH to immediately establish a designated telephone number for those contacts.

SB 1209 requires the PA State Police (PSP), in consultation with DOH, the PA Coalition Against Rape and local law enforcement, to compile the following data and submit a report to DOH by December 31, 2018 and biannually thereafter:

- The volume of sexual assault evidence submitted for testing.
- The volume of sexual assault evidence awaiting testing.
- The rate of submission of sexual assault evidence by law enforcement agencies in compliance with the provisions of this act.
- The speed of testing of sexual assault evidence, average wait time to complete testing and reasons for any delays in submission or testing of sexual assault evidence.
- A review of current practices, including interagency collaboration with law enforcement agencies and rape crisis centers, in rape kit evidence collection.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any costs should be able to be covered with existing funds in DOH and PSP.

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