



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

PRINTERS NO. 877

PRIME SPONSOR: Toohil

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 235, Printer's Number 877, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) Section 2711 (Consents necessary to adoption). This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Section 2711 (Consents necessary to adoption) of Title 23 by adding language stipulating that the consent to an adoption by an incarcerated birth parent may be witnessed by a correctional facility employee that has been designated by the correctional facility. Any consent witnessed by a correctional facility employee must list the address of correctional facility on the consent.

HB 235 also adds language that a consent to an adoption may be acknowledged before a notary public instead of by at least two witnesses.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** March 13, 2019

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