



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

PRINTERS NO. 261

PRIME SPONSOR: Simmons

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 288, Printer's Number 261 amends Section 4303 (Concealing death of child) of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) by increasing the grading of the offense.

ANALYSIS:

HB 288 amends the Crimes Code by increasing the grading of the offense of concealing the death of a child from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. The offense would be applicable to a parent, an individual residing in the same household as the child or an individual responsible for the child's welfare. In addition, the term "parent" is defined to mean a natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, guardian or an individual in an intimate relationship with the child's parent.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, there were no convictions of Section 4303 in 2016 and 2017, and one conviction in 2018.

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