



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 502

PRINTERS NO. 490

PRIME SPONSOR: Hershey

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 502, Printer's Number 490 amends the Crime Victims Act (Act 111 of 1998), by amending Section 201 (Rights).

ANALYSIS:

HB 502 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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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: April 4, 2019

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