



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

PRINTERS NO. 1631

PRIME SPONSOR: Ecker

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1021, Printer's Number 1631 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), Chapter 85 (Matters Affecting Government Units) by adding a new Section 8503 (Special standing in constitutional challenges).

ANALYSIS:

HB 1021 amends the Judicial Code to provide that either or both chambers of the General Assembly be given special standing to intervene as party in a judicial proceeding when a statute is alleged to be unconstitutional. An action from the Senate Committee on Management Operations and the House Bipartisan Management Committee would be required prior to either or both chambers being granted special standing.

This legislation would take effect immediately. Also, a court may apply the new Section 8503 to an action commenced after December 31, 2018, and before the effective date of the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would have an unknown fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The number of statutes that would be subject to constitutional challenges and whether either chamber would seek special standing are unknown, therefore, any costs associated with either chamber becoming a party in such judicial proceedings are indeterminable.

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