



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1538

PRINTERS NO. 3666

PRIME SPONSOR: White

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1538 amends the Prisons and Parole Code concerning parole for certain offenders. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law most inmates, including sex offenders, must wait one year before re-applying for parole. House Bill 1538 would extend that wait to three years for a person designated as a Sexually Violent Predator under the sexual offender registration provisions of the Judicial Code, and for persons convicted of certain sex offenses listed in the bill. Those offenses are: murder, voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, trafficking in individuals, involuntary servitude, rape, statutory sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, institutional sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault, and incest.

This legislation also requires that the Board of Probation and Parole, when making a parole determination, hear and see in-person any testimony that a crime victim elects to present, or to hear and see in real time any testimony that a victim elects to present through the use of videoconferencing or other virtual presence technology.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: November 18, 2020

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