



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2016

PRINTERS NO. 2830

PRIME SPONSOR: Schmitt

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2016, Printer's Number 2830, amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) by further amending Chapter 27 (Assault) by adding a new Section 2703.2 (Harassment of law enforcement officer). This legislation would take effect 60 days after enactment.

### ANALYSIS:

HB 2016 amends the Crimes Code to provide that a person is guilty of harassment of a law enforcement officer, if the person intentionally or knowingly causes or attempts to cause a law enforcement officer to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, saliva, urine or feces by throwing, tossing, spitting or expelling such fluid or material.

If at the time of the offense the person knew or had reason to know that the fluid or material was infected by a communicable virus, the person commits a felony of the third degree. Otherwise, the offense committed will result in a misdemeanor of the first degree.

The term law enforcement officer will have the same meaning as the term "peace officer" as given in Section 501 (Definitions).

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would have an unknown fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any fiscal impact resulting from additional arrests, convictions and sentences due to violations of this new offense is indeterminable. A violation of new Section 2703.2 would result in either a felony of the third degree (fine up to \$15,000 and maximum prison penalty of seven years) or misdemeanor of the first degree (fine up to \$10,000 and maximum prison penalty of five years).

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