



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

PRINTERS NO. 3131

PRIME SPONSOR: Schroeder

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2175, Printer's Number 3131 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) by further amending Chapter 59 (Depositions and witnesses), Section 5920 (expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings) as it relates to experts testifying in sexual assault cases.

### ANALYSIS:

HB 2175 amends the Judicial Code by further providing that in criminal proceedings for offenses listed under Subchapter H (Registration of sexual offenders) or I (Continued registration of sexual offenders) of Chapter 97 (Sentencing), expert testimony is permissible.

In addition, the legislation further provides that expert testimony is permissible in criminal proceedings for an offense including attempt, solicitation or conspiracy, under any of the following Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) offenses:

- Chapter 30 (Human trafficking), if the offense involved sexual servitude,
- Chapter 31 (Sexual offenses),
- Section 4302 (Incest),
- Section 4304 (Endangering welfare of children), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim,
- Section 5902 (b) or (b.1) (Prostitution and related offenses),
- Section 6301 (a)(1)(i) (Corruption of minors), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim,
- Section 6301 (a)(1)(ii) (Corruption of minors),
- Section 6312 (Sexual abuse of children),
- Section 6318 (Unlawful contact with minor); and
- Section 6320 (Sexual exploitation of children).

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

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