



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 275

PRINTERS NO. 694

PRIME SPONSOR: J. Ward

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 275, Printer's Number 694, amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), Article B (Offenses Involving Danger to a Person), Chapter 27 (Assault), Section 2709.1 (c)(2) (Stalking-Grading) and Chapter 57 (Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance), Section 5702 (Definitions); Title 23 (Domestic Relations), Part VI (Children and Minors), Chapter 53 (Child Custody), Section 5329 (a) (Consideration of criminal convictions-Offenses) and Part VII (Abuse of Family), Subchapter E (Miscellaneous Provisions), Chapter 67 (Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality), Section 6711 (Penalties) and Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), Chapter 97 (Sentencing), Section 9714 (Sentences for second and subsequent offenses) to further provide for the treatment of the offense of strangulation (18 Pa. C.S. 2718).

ANALYSIS:

SB 275 amends the Crimes Code to incorporate the offense of strangulation (18 Pa. C.S. 2718) to Sections 2709.1 (c)(2) (Stalking- Grading) and 5702 (Definitions).

SB 275 amends the Domestic Relations Code to incorporate the offense of strangulation (18 Pa. C.S. 2718) to Sections 5329 (a) (Consideration of criminal conviction- Offenses) and 6711(b)(2) (Penalties-Access by fraud or misrepresentation).

SB 275 amends the Judicial Code to incorporate a felony-grade offense of strangulation (18 Pa. C.S. 2718) to Section 9714 (g) (Sentences for second and subsequent offenses- definitions).

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would have an unknown fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Insufficient data is available to determine how many individuals would be impacted by the addition of the offense of strangulation (18 Pa. C.S. 2718) to these various sections of current law.

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