



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

PRINTERS NO. 9

PRIME SPONSOR: Gregory

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 14, Printer's Number 9 is a Joint Resolution amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide for a two-year window in which an individual may file a civil action alleging childhood sexual abuse notwithstanding any otherwise applicable statute of limitations defense.

ANALYSIS:

HB 14 amends the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 1, Section 11 (Courts to be open; suits against the Commonwealth) by adding a new subsection (b) to provide that for an individual where the statute of limitations period has expired, the individual will have a two-year window in which to file a civil action alleging childhood sexual abuse.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, this legislation must pass each chamber of the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions and then must be presented to the voters for adoption. This is the second consideration of this proposed constitutional amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The first passage of this proposed constitutional amendment was in November 2019. In accordance with Article XI of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the second passage of this proposed constitutional amendment will require the Secretary of the Commonwealth to advertise the amendment for three months and then present the ballot referendum question to the voters for adoption.

For the second round of advertising for a proposed constitutional amendment, the approximate cost to advertise in the three months prior to an election typically ranges from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

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