



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

PRINTERS NO. 121

PRIME SPONSOR: Owlett

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 156, Printer's Number 121, amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), Chapter 59 (Depositions and Witnesses), Subchapter D (Child Victims and Witnesses), Section 5985.1 (Admissibility of certain statements) to increase the age for admissible out-of-court statements made by a child victim or witness.

#### ANALYSIS:

HB 156 amends the Judicial Code to provide that for certain offenses the age for admissible out-of-court statements made by a child victim or witness will increase from age 12 to 16.

This act would 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.*