



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

PRINTERS NO. 917

PRIME SPONSOR: Staats

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 163 amends the Crimes Code concerning invasion of privacy. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 163 increases the grading of the offense of invasion of privacy to a felony of the third degree for a first violation and a felony of the second degree for a second or subsequent violation if the offender is a teacher and the victim is a student or the offender is an adult and the victim is a minor. The grading will remain a misdemeanor of the second degree if both the offender and victim are minors. Definitions of "student" and "teacher" are also added to the section concerning invasion of privacy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would have an unknown fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Reliable data are not available to determine how many future convictions for invasion of privacy may have their sentences upgraded to a felony of the third degree (fine up to \$15,000 and maximum prison penalty of seven years) or a felony of the second degree (fine up to \$25,000 and maximum prison penalty of ten years) based on this legislation.

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