



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

PRINTERS NO. 964

PRIME SPONSOR: Keefer

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 184 amends the Crimes Code concerning the offense of causing or aiding a suicide. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 184 requires the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide for a sentencing enhancement for a conviction of causing or aiding suicide when the individual who dies by suicide is under 18 years of age or has an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to data from the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, the number of individuals sentenced for causing or aiding a suicide has averaged approximately 12 per year over the period 2016 through 2019. It is expected this enhancement would not apply in every case, so it is estimated the number of individuals having sentences increased as a result of this legislation would be less than 12 per year. Therefore, any costs would be minimal and could be absorbed in the Department of Correction's budget.

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