



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 580

PRINTERS NO. 543

PRIME SPONSOR: Schroeder

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 580 amends the Judicial Code concerning expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 580 provides that in criminal proceedings for offenses listed under Subchapters H (Registration of sexual offenders) or I (Continued registration of sexual offenders) of Chapter 97 (Sentencing), or in criminal proceedings for domestic violence offenses, expert testimony is permissible.

In addition, the legislation further provides that expert testimony is permissible in criminal proceedings for an offense including attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy, under any of the following Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) offenses:

- Chapter 30 (Human trafficking), if the offense involved sexual servitude,
- Chapter 31 (Sexual offenses),
- Section 4302 (Incest),
- Section 4304 (Endangering welfare of children), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim,
- Section 5902 (b) or (b.1) (Prostitution and related offenses),
- Section 6301 (a)(1)(i) (Corruption of minors), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim,
- Section 6301 (a)(1)(ii) (Corruption of minors),
- Section 6312 (Sexual abuse of children),
- Section 6318 (Unlawful contact with minor); and
- Section 6320 (Sexual exploitation of children).

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: May 25, 2021

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