



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 753

PRINTERS NO. 741

PRIME SPONSOR: Jozwiak

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 753 amends the Crimes Code concerning dealing in infant children by increasing the grading of the offense. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 753 amends the Crimes Code, Section 4305, by increasing the grading of the offense of dealing in infant children from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the first degree. In addition, the legislation clarifies that the term "infant" means a child one year of age or younger and clarifies that provisions set forth in Section 4305 do not apply to legal surrogacy or adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would likely have a minimal fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, there were no charges, convictions, or sentencing for violations of Title 18, Section 4305 in 2018, and one in 2019. Under current law, a conviction for this offense results in a sentence for a misdemeanor of the first degree, which can include up to five years imprisonment and up to \$10,000 in fines. Increasing the grading of the offense to a felony of the first degree would result in a sentence of up to 20 years imprisonment and up to \$20,000 in fines.

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