



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

PRINTERS NO. 1127

PRIME SPONSOR: Kauffman

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1095 amends the Judicial Code concerning life imprisonment for homicide. It would take effect in 60 days.

#### ANALYSIS:

This legislation amends the Judicial Code concerning life imprisonment for homicide. It adds previous convictions for either murder of an unborn child or voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child to the list of prior convictions that increase the penalty for murder of the third degree to life imprisonment. This new enhancement also applies if the conviction was for an equivalent offense from another jurisdiction.

In addition, this bill would make the same life sentence enhancement apply to a conviction for third degree murder of an unborn child if the defendant has previously been convicted of murder, voluntary manslaughter, murder of an unborn child, or voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing's annual report, there were 164 convictions for third degree murder in 2019. It is not known in how many of these cases the offender had a previous conviction for murder of an unborn child or voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child that would have triggered the life imprisonment enhancement contained in this legislation. Therefore, it is estimated this legislation would have only a minimal, if any, impact on the Department of Corrections' inmate population.

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