



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1563

PRINTERS NO. 2318

PRIME SPONSOR: Cutler

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1563, Printer's Number 2318, amends the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act regarding confidentiality practices. This legislation is effective immediately upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 1563 amends the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act to allow covered entities to access certain information for the purposes of health care operations, treatment, and payment of mental health services. The definition of "covered entity" aligns with federal regulation and includes a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction.

The bill provides that the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall not have the authority to promulgate or enforce a regulation that restricts any disclosure of records or information that is permitted by the provisions of the bill.

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

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