



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1731

PRINTERS NO. 2953

PRIME SPONSOR: Mizgorski

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY: House Bill 1731, Printer's Number 2953, establishes the Greater Father Involvement Act. This legislation would be effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: HB 1731 establishes the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee on Greater Father Involvement within the Joint State Government Commission (JSGC). The Committee shall be comprised of no fewer than 13 members with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Adoption and foster care
- Adult education or literacy
- Behavioral health
- Early childhood development
- Education
- Employment and workforce development
- Family law and child custody
- Fatherhood programs or initiatives
- Housing and independent living
- Parenting and coparenting
- Public safety and corrections
- The juvenile dependency and delinquency systems
- The Department of Health

The JSGC shall designate of the members of the Committee as the chairperson and the Committee may designate other officers as necessary. Members of the Committee shall not be paid but shall be reimbursed for expenses.

The purpose of the Committee, generally, is to identify and make recommendations to remove barriers that fathers face to the sustained, purposeful, and positive involvement in the lives of their children. Specific responsibilities include:

- Working with governments and other entities to recognize and promote the contributions fathers make to improving societal outcomes for children and families.
- Evaluating governmental programs that impact fatherhood and making recommendations for successful implementation.

- Developing a comprehensive plan to support early connections between fathers and their children and continuing throughout the child's life.
- Promoting and supporting workforce development, parenting, and conflict resolution programs for fathers.
- Proposing changes to statutes, regulations, rules and policies that impede greater father involvement measures.
- Identifying additional sources of funding to support the work of the committee and fatherhood programs.
- Making recommendations regarding the possible establishment of a long-term or permanent fatherhood commission.

The Committee must also issue, by December 31, 2023, a report regarding responsible fatherhood programs and issues in the Commonwealth and making recommendations to aid in understanding, evaluating, or improving the successful implementation of these programs and issues. The Committee shall expire on January 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: JSGC estimates reimbursement for Committee member expenses could be approximately \$2,300 annually. Any increased costs can be accommodated within existing resources.

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