



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1737

PRINTERS NO. 1968

PRIME SPONSOR: Flood

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1737, Printer's Number 1968, amends Chapter 63 (Child Protective Services) of Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to provide for drug or alcohol testing in child abuse investigations. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: HB 1737 amends the Child Protective Services Law to provide that a county children and youth services agency may seek a court order to compel drug or alcohol testing when there is evidence that impairment due to drug or alcohol use is a contributing cause of abuse or neglect.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. As was the case prior to the 2020 PA Supreme Court ruling prohibiting involuntary drug or alcohol testing, any costs incurred by a county agency associated with such testing can be accommodated within existing funds provided through the County Child Welfare appropriation.

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