



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2039

PRINTERS NO. 3323

PRIME SPONSOR: Pennycuick

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2039 amends the Crime Victims Act concerning victims' rights to appear at bail hearings. It would take effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2039 provides that an arresting officer must provide the name and contact information of the crime victim to the magisterial district court or the Philadelphia Municipal Court conducting the preliminary arraignment so that the victim may receive notice of any proceedings to modify bail conditions and exercise the opportunity to appear at them. In addition, the contact information of the victim must be transmitted by the magisterial district court or the Philadelphia Municipal Court with the transcript of the proceedings to the court of common pleas at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing so that the clerk of courts may notify the victim of any proceedings to modify bail and the victim may exercise the opportunity to appear at those proceedings.

The right not to be excluded affords the victim the right to offer comment regarding a defendant's bail conditions at the time that bail conditions are imposed or at any subsequent proceeding where bail conditions may be modified.

These requirements apply to personal injury crimes, crimes of violence, and offenses related to the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Miller
House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: November 16, 2021

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