



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2271

PRINTERS NO. 2634

PRIME SPONSOR: Tomlinson

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2271 amends the Crimes Code concerning sexual extortion. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The offense of sexual extortion in the Crimes Code provides for a sentencing enhancement within the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing when the complainant is under the age of 18, has an intellectual disability or the actor holds a position of trust or supervisory or disciplinary power over the complainant. House Bill 2271 would expand the sentencing enhancement to include when the complainant attempts suicide resulting in serious bodily injury or dies by suicide within 90 days of the commission of the offense, as a proximate result of the trauma that the complainant experienced during or following the commission of the offense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation could increase costs for state and local governments by enhancing the sentences of certain individuals convicted of sexual extortion. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, five people have been convicted of sexual extortion since the law took effect in 2020. Based on this data, the fiscal impact of this enhancement is expected to be minimal.

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