



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 118

PRINTERS NO. 89

PRIME SPONSOR: K. Ward

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 118 amends the Judicial Code concerning sexual offenses and the tier system. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 118 amends the Judicial Code concerning sexual offenses and the tier system (Section 9799.14) by adding three human trafficking offenses to the list of offenses that require Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) registration and compliance. Trafficking in individuals and patronizing a victim of sexual servitude will be classified as Tier I offenses and involuntary servitude as it relates to sexual servitude will be classified as a Tier II offense. Tier I offenders are subject to a 15-year registration requirement and must appear annually at an approved Registration or Verification site. Tier II offenders are subject to a 25-year registration requirement and must appear semiannually at an approved Registration or Verification site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing indicates enactment of this legislation will have no significant impact on Commonwealth funds because it relates primarily to sex offender registration and notification requirements. However, the added offenses will also become subject to mandatory sentencing provisions under the Judicial Code as second or subsequent sex offenses. Mandatory sentences for second or subsequent offenses for sexual offenders are 25 years of total confinement for a second offense and life imprisonment for a subsequent offense. According to the Commission, there are few sentences reported annually under the mandatory sentencing provisions. There were four reported mandatory sentences of 25 years imposed in 2020.

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