

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 59

PRINTER NO. 2141

AMOUNT

No Adverse Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Moul

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 59 amends Section 774 of the Human Services Code to allow an adoptive family to appeal to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services the amount of the adoption subsidy provided to them by the County Children and Youth Services Agency under the Adoption Opportunities Act.

Current law allows for the payment of a subsidy to an adoptive family for a difficult adoption (as a result of a physical or mental disability, emotional disturbance, or because of age, sibling relationship, or ethnicity). While there are limits on the amount of this subsidy, there is no current process allowing an adoptive family to appeal the subsidy provided.

This act shall take in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 59 will have no adverse fiscal impact to the Commonwealth according to the Department of Human Services.