

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 594

**PRINTER NO.** 626

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 23, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Benninghoff

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 594 amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition for child sexual offenses.

This legislation amends § 1111 (relating to Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition prohibited) to provide that the attorney for the Commonwealth may not recommend and the court may not authorize placement on Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) for a violation of any of the following offenses if the victim was, at the time of the commission of the offense, under 18 years of age:

- 1) § 3121 (relating to rape);
- 2) § 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse); and
- 3) § 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to data from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), there were only two ARD/Diversions Dispositions in 2017 for the offenses listed above. Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds given the small number of cases potentially affected.