

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 235

PRINTER NO. 877

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Toohil

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 235 amends Section 2711 (Consents necessary to adoption) of Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for consent for adoption from an incarcerated parent of an adoptee.

This legislation provides that the consent of an incarcerated parent of an adoptee may be witnessed by a correctional facility employee designated by the correctional facility. Any consent witnessed by a correctional facility employee shall list the address of the correctional facility on the consent.

Additionally, in lieu of two witnesses, a consent may be acknowledged before a notary public.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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