

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 156

PRINTER NO. 121

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 13, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Owlett

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 156 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

The Pennsylvania Tender Years Hearsay Act is a hearsay exception that allows out-of-court statements made by individuals 12 years of age or younger to be entered into evidence under specific conditions.

This legislation amends section 5985.1 (relating to admissibility of certain statements) of Title 42 by increasing the age for admissible out-of-court statements made by a child victim or witness from 12 years of age or younger to 16 years of age or younger for certain criminal or civil proceedings.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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