

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 2032

PRINTER NO. 3148

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 28, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Schroeder

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2032 amends the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act concerning a sexual assault evidence collection program.

The bill provides that a healthcare professional’s failure to report a victim’s injuries to law enforcement as required by the Crimes Code does not constitute a criminal offense when the sexual assault victim wishes to remain anonymous.

The bill also requires the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), in consultation with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, to conduct a study and issue a report examining the resources required to implement a rape kit tracking system for the Commonwealth, according to the specifications provided in the bill. The PSP must issue the report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 12 months following the effective date of this legislation and post the report on its website. The report must identify the resources, training and costs associated with implementing, managing and maintaining the rape kit tracking system, along with potential sources of funding.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2032 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any costs related to conducting the study and issuing the report required by this bill can be accomplished within the Pennsylvania State Police’s current workload and budget.