

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 2039

PRINTER NO. 3323

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 29, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Pennycuick

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2039 amends the Crime Victims Act concerning victims' rights to appear at bail hearings.

The bill provides that an arresting officer must provide the name and contact information of the crime victim to the magisterial district court or the Philadelphia Municipal Court conducting the preliminary arraignment so that the victim may receive notice of any proceedings to modify bail conditions and exercise the opportunity to appear at them. In addition, the contact information of the victim must be transmitted by the magisterial district court or the Philadelphia Municipal Court with the transcript of the proceedings to the court of common pleas at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing so that the clerk of courts may notify the victim of any proceedings to modify bail, and the victim may exercise the opportunity to appear at those proceedings.

The right not to be excluded affords the victim the right to offer comment regarding a defendant's bail conditions at the time that bail conditions are imposed or at any subsequent proceeding where bail conditions may be modified.

These requirements apply to personal injury crimes, crimes of violence and offenses related to the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of children.

This act shall take effect in 180 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2039 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.