

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 234

PRINTER NO. 200

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 31, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative D. Costa

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 234 amends §9728 (related to collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties) of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, to enhance the collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties.

This legislation requires any county that does not engage the services of a private collection agency to establish a collections enforcement unit. Additionally, it mandates that annual statistical information submitted to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) related to restitution collected by the county be sufficiently detailed so as to show compliance with all requirements of §9728 (related to collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation puts a mandate on counties to establish a collections enforcement unit if it doesn't currently engage the services of a private collection agency. This may cause certain counties to incur additional costs, however such costs may be offset by enhanced collections.

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse effect on Commonwealth funds.