

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2175

PRINTER NO. 3131

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 6, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Schroeder

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2175 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes providing for expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings.

This legislation amends section 5920(a) to provide that a witness may be qualified by the court as an expert witness in a criminal case regarding:

- 1) Any crime listed under Subchapters H (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or I (relating to continued registration of sexual offenders) of Chapter 97; and
- 2) An offense, including attempt, solicitation or conspiracy, under any of the following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses):
 - i. Chapter 30 (relating to human trafficking) if the offense involved sexual servitude;
 - ii. Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses);
 - iii. Section 4302 (relating to incest);
 - iv. Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children) if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim;
 - v. Section 5902(b) or (b.1) (relating to prostitution and related offenses);
 - vi. Section 6301(a)(1)(i) (relating to corruption of minors) if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim;
 - vii. Section 6301(a)(1)(ii);
 - viii. Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children);
 - ix. Section 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with minor); and
 - x. Section 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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