

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 904

**PRINTER NO.** 1140

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund  
County Funds

**DATE INTRODUCED**

October 14, 2021

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Baker

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 904 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow probation officers to meet with an offender released on probation remotely, via teleconferencing.

Section 9911 (relating to definitions) is amended by adding the definition of "technology portal" as a device, including a cellular phone and other electronic device, that allows simultaneous voice and video communication in real time between the offender and the probation officer.

Additionally, Title 42 is amended by adding a new section 9914 (relating to meetings), which provides that, in lieu of requiring an offender who has been released on probation to appear in person at a meeting, a probation officer may utilize technology portals.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 904 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation does not mandate that probation meetings be held remotely but rather allows for such meetings. County probation departments may realize moderate savings as a result of efficiencies from meeting with offenders remotely through technology portals.