



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1354

PRINTER'S NO. 1495

PRIME SPONSOR: Young

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

#### SUMMARY:

Amends the Child Labor Act to increase fines for criminal violations of the act.

#### ANALYSIS:

The bill changes two fines within the Child Labor Act. For the initial offense, the fine is increased from \$500 to \$1,000. For subsequent offenses, the fine increases from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

The bill takes effect in 30 days.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of increasing these criminal fines is expected to be minimal. The act provides for both criminal and administrative penalties for violations. The Department of Labor and Industry's Bureau of Labor Law Compliance reports that most penalties levied under the act are administrative rather than criminal. According to records maintained by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, there were 17 criminal counts disposed as guilty over the last 10 years for violations of the Child Labor Act, with 11 of those occurring in 2023. In most years, there are no criminal convictions related to the act.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*