



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

PRINTER'S NO. 447

PRIME SPONSOR: Davidson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY:

A joint resolution that proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution. The proposed amendment provides a two-year window for individuals to file civil actions arising from childhood sexual abuse.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 464 proposes to amend Article I (Declaration of Rights), Section 11 (Courts to be open; suits against the Commonwealth) of the Pennsylvania Constitution to add a new subsection (b). This new subsection provides that an individual for whom a statutory limitations period has already expired, or whose claim would otherwise be barred or limited by a statutory cap on damages, sovereign immunity or by governmental or official immunity, shall have a two-year period without bar or limitation by such caps or immunities, to commence an action arising from childhood sexual abuse.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, this legislation must pass each chamber of the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions and then must be presented to the voters for adoption. This is the first consideration of this proposed constitutional amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Article IX of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to advertise the proposed amendment in two newspapers in every county of the commonwealth.

The cost to comply with the advertising requirement is estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$1 million. These costs will be paid through the General Fund. The fiscal year in which the costs fall depends on the timing of the bill's passage.

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