

# FISCAL NOTE

April 03, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 741	<b>Printer's No:</b>	807	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Stephens (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	\$0	\$66.4 million - \$83.1 million

**SUMMARY:** This bill would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to reinstate mandatory minimums for certain crimes and offenses.

**ANALYSIS:** House Bill 741 would reestablish mandatory minimums for the following offenses:

- Drug trafficking to minors (minimum sentence of one to two years)
- Drug trafficking in a drug free school zone (minimum sentence of two years)
- Drug trafficking offenses (minimum sentence of one to eight years depending on the weight of the substance)
- Offenses committed with firearms (minimum sentence of five years)
- Drug offenses committed with firearms (minimum sentence of five years)
- Offenses committed on public transportation (minimum sentence of five years)
- Particular offenses against the elderly (minimum sentence of one to five years)
- Particular offenses against infants (minimum sentence of two to fifteen years)
- Failing to comply with registration of sexual offenders (minimum sentence of two to seven years depending on the offense)
- Impersonating a law enforcement officer (minimum sentence of three)

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** DOC would incur an annual cost of \$66.4 million to \$83.1 million due to increase prison admissions and length of prison stay for inmates. According to the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission, restoring mandatory minimums would result in increased prison admission and length of stay by approximately 1803 to 2258 inmates. The average cost per day to institutionalize an inmate is \$100.83, roughly \$36,802 per year. By multiplying the projected increased number of inmates by the annual cost to institutionalize an inmate, reinstating mandatory minimums would cost approximately \$66.4 million to \$83.1 million annually.