

FISCAL NOTE

February 1, 2021

Bill No:	SB 8	Printer's No:	22	Sponsor:	Baker (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2020-21	2021-22
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 11 of the PA Constitution to provide for a two-year window in which civil lawsuits alleging childhood sexual abuse may be filed in court notwithstanding any otherwise applicable statute of limitations defense.

ANALYSIS: SB 8 allows individuals for whom a statutory limitations period has expired a period of two years to commence an action arising from childhood sexual abuse.

SB 8 would be the second required passage of the proposed amendment which would appear on the ballot as a voter referendum in the next primary or general election when passed at least three months before that election.

FISCAL IMPACT: Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in two consecutive legislative sessions for advertising. Potential costs could also occur in the event of state liability in resulting claims.

One round of advertising has already been incurred when this proposed amendment was approved by the legislature in the 2019-2020 session. The second round of advertising would be incurred as early as Fiscal Year 2020-21 or as late as Fiscal Year 2022-23 based on timing of passage.