

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1647

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Freedom of Information Act; legal opinions.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Freedom of Information Act; legal opinions. Provides that opinions rendered to the Governor relating to the constitutionality of pending legislation shall be released upon request. The bill contains a technical amendment.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary:

No.

8. Fiscal implications:

None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Governor.

10. Technical amendment necessary:

No.

11. Other comments:

Under the bill, the Governor while considering legislation, and before his action on it, must release upon request any legal opinion rendered to him pertaining to the constitutionality of such pending legislation. The bill does not specify by whom the request shall be made.

The bill contains a technical amendment relocating language pertaining to persons who are the subject of medical and mental records and are under the age of eighteen.

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