

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2086E

House of Origin Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Abbitt

3. Committee Senate General Laws

4. Title Freedom of Information Act; penalties for violation.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Freedom of Information Act; penalties for violation. n. Increases the minimal civil penalty for willful and knowing violations of the Freedom of Information Act from \$100 to \$250 for the first violation and from \$500 to \$1,000 for any subsequent violation.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

It is anticipated that few if any state agencies or boards will violate the Freedom of Information Act statutes; thus, little or no additional revenue is anticipated from this legislation. If a violation does occur and the civil penalty is imposed, the money would be taken from state funds, ending up in the Literary Fund.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All state agencies

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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