

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB785

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Hurt

**3. Committee**    Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            Speedy trial and speedy sentencing.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that when a defendant is at liberty pending trial, he shall be tried within six months of arraignment, and that when a defendant is found guilty, the court shall pronounce sentence within six months of a finding of guilt. Currently, a defendant at liberty must be tried within nine months and sentence must be pronounced without unreasonable delay.

**6. No Fiscal Impact:** See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Supreme Court, although this legislation will require some courts to rearrange their dockets and their calendaring procedures, it will not create any new proceedings and therefore, should not have any appreciable fiscal impact on the courts.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Court System

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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