

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1596

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Black

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Court-appointed counsel; increases compensation.

5. Summary/Purpose: Increases by 50 percent the compensation allowed to court-appointed counsel in the district court and circuit court. The changes shall become effective only if sufficient funds are appropriated by the 2005 General Assembly.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$27,523,627	0	General Fund
2006-07	\$28,624,572	0	General Fund
2007-08	\$29,769,555	0	General Fund
2008-09	\$30,960,337	0	General Fund
2009-10	\$32,198,751	0	General Fund
2010-11	\$33,486,701	0	General Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Items 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Supreme Court, raising the current caps for court appointed counsel would increase expenditures from the Criminal Fund by an estimated \$27,523,627 for FY2006. The out years are calculated using the Department of Planning and Budget forecast of a four percent increase in the Criminal Fund each year.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court System

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: The provisions of this bill shall only become effective if sufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly

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