

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB224

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Jones, D.C.

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Courthouse security; assessment.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Increases from \$5 to \$20 the part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in district or circuit courts in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance that is used to provide and maintain courthouse security.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Supreme Court, currently any county or city may allow for the assessment of not more than \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in its district or circuit court in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance. The assessment is collected by the clerk of the court and remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate city or county and held by the treasurer subject to appropriation by the governing body to the sheriff's office for funding of courthouse security personnel or equipment and other personal property used in connection with courthouse security. Therefore, there would be no revenue or expenditure impact to the courts. In FY2005, approximately \$6,200,000 was collected for the Courthouse Security Fee. If this fee were to increase by a factor of 4, the estimated revenue that may be collected would increase to almost \$24,800,000.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Local Governments

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to House Bill 177

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