

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB987

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

2. Patron Shannon

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Providing certificate of analysis to defense counsel.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Removes the requirement that any certificate of analysis prepared by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services or the Department of Forensic Science or authorized by either of them be provided to defense counsel at least seven days before a criminal trial in which the certificate is to be used as evidence. The bill also provides that a copy of the certificate shall be made available by the clerk, at the office of the clerk, to the defendant or counsel of record for the defendant upon request, at no charge.

6. Fiscal impact will be minimal. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This proposal could ease the costs of providing multiple copies of certificates of analysis. Savings would be minimal.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of General Services,
Department of Forensic Science, Courts system

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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