

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB456

House of Origin     Introduced    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House       \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Herring

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**         **Admissibility of certificates of analysis at preliminary hearing; at trial**

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that at any preliminary hearing, certificates of analysis and reports prepared by lab analysts, etc., shall be admissible without the testimony of the person preparing such certificate or report. The bill also provides that when such an analyst appears in court on the day of trial to testify, the certificate of analysis shall be admissible (over procedural objection).

**6. No fiscal impact.** Final.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill provides clarification to existing statutes, with no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Commonwealth Attorneys, Department of Forensic Science, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Consolidated Laboratories.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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Cc: Secretary of Public Safety