

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB563

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

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

2. **Patron:** Tata

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Decibel level of sound; authorizes a law-enforcement officer to use certain equipment to determine.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Authorizes a law-enforcement officer to use certain equipment to determine the decibel level of sound, including noise. The results of such determinations shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the decibel level of the sound in any court or legal proceeding where the decibel level of the sound is at issue. The bill also provides that in any court or legal proceeding in which any question arises about the calibration or accuracy of such equipment used to determine the decibel level of sound, a certificate, or a true copy thereof, showing the calibration or testing for accuracy of the equipment, and when and by whom the calibration or test was made, shall be admissible as evidence of the facts therein stated.

6. **Fiscal impact estimates are final.** See Item 8.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011	\$25,000	0	General Fund
2012	\$27,000	0	General Fund
2013	\$0	0	General Fund
2014	\$0	0	General Fund
2015	\$0	0	General Fund
2016	\$0	0	General Fund

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 70.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The legislation establishes a new program within the Department of General Services (DGS) to perform research on the types of instruments needed to measure decibel levels, determine acceptable decibel levels, establish standards, and coordinate with local law enforcement.

DGS indicates the agency can establish the program during FY 2011 and FY 2012 with funding for to a part-time public administration graduate student.

*FY 2011 Methodology*

Tuition and Compensation for one student = \$22,000

Technology support and supplies = \$3,000

FY 2011 Total = \$25,000

*FY 2012 Methodology*

Tuition and Compensation for one student = \$24,000

(Assumes tuition increase)

Technology support and supplies = \$3,000

FY 2012 Total = \$27,000

*FY 2013 through FY 2016*

DGS indicates the program can be administered with existing resources after the first two years of program development and establishment.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of General Services, local law enforcement, local courts.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

**Date:** 03/22/2010

cc: Secretary of Administration