

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1896

<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:** Freitas

**3. Committee:** Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Staff of victim and witness assistance programs.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that guidelines developed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services related to the creation of victim and witness assistance programs shall include provisions requiring that local victim witness assistance staff shall be considered employees of the locality where the program is established, and that no elected official shall have the authority to appoint or remove such staff.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Criminal Justice Services can implement the requirements of the bill with existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services, local government

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None