## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB1055H1		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- 2. Patron: Herring
- 3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice
- 4. Title: Written explanation of imposed sentence
- **5. Summary:** The substitute bill requires the judicial performance evaluation report to include data on the number of cases during the evaluation period in which a judge imposed a sentence that is either greater or less than that indicated by the sentencing guidelines and the judge did not file a written explanation of such departure.

The bill also provides that if the court fails to file a written explanation, the person sentenced may petition for a writ of mandamus.

- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the substitute bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on the court system.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
- 11. Other Comments: None