## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: SB1121
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Petersen
3.	Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
4.	Title: Increases maximum number of judges
5.	<b>Summary:</b> The proposed bill would increase the number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district from 11 to 12. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)
8.	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> The proposed bill would increase the authorized number of general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district from 11 judges to 12 judges. Increasing the number of authorized judgeships would not create a fiscal impact on the courts.
	If the judgeship proposed by this bill is filled during or after the 2019 General Assembly session, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court will need an additional \$259,296 annually in general fund support to cover the cost of the new judgeship.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
11.	. Other Comments: None