

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1166

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Chafin

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Collection of DNA sample for certain offenses; disclosure of tax information.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation adds persons convicted of local ordinances that are similar to certain crimes listed under current law to the list of persons from whom a blood, saliva, or tissue sample shall be taken for DNA analysis to determine identification characteristics specific to the person.

The bill also clarifies an exception to a law that forbids any state or local tax or revenue officer or employee, or any former employee of these offices, from divulging information acquired in the performance of his duties with respect to the transactions, property, income, or business of any person, firm, or corporation. Currently, the exception states that these employees may share copies of or information contained in an estate's probate tax return, filed with the clerk of court, when requested by a beneficiary of the estate or an heir at law of the decedent. The proposed legislation would also allow the sharing of this information with a commissioner of accounts who is making a settlement of accounts filed in such an estate.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Forensic Science (DFS), while it expects a small increase in the number of cases that will require DNA analysis as a result of the proposed legislation, the agency believes it can absorb the costs related to such an increase.

This bill also adds an additional group of people to the list of individuals to whom certain Constitutional officers may disclose otherwise confidential information acquired in the performance of their duties regarding transactions, property, income, or business of persons, firms, or corporations. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Compensation Board or local constitutional officers as a result of this proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science, Courts, Compensation board and local Constitutional officers.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.