

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB684

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

2. **Patron:** Bell

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

4. **Title:** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court online case information system

5. **Summary:** The proposed bill requires the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to make certain non-confidential information for adult criminal cases in the juvenile and domestic relations district courts publicly viewable in the online case information system. Under current law, only criminal cases in circuit courts participating in the Executive Secretary's case management system and in the general district courts are required to be made publicly available in such system.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 39

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court ("OES"), additional resources will be required to modify the functionality to the existing system in order to implement the legislation. The implementation process would also include extensive testing and development to incorporate the new data into statewide searches. OES anticipates migrating case information to a data warehouse which would allow for greater indexing and retrieval capabilities. Additional resources for quality assurance and user acceptance testing post-development would also be needed. OES estimates a one-time cost of \$238,880 to make the case information publicly viewable in the statewide searchable online case information system.

In addition to the online case information system, OES maintains a system that allows subscribers to confirm the complete date of birth provided by applicants by comparing entered information with criminal case information within OES systems. The one-time cost to include adult criminal cases in the juvenile and domestic relations district courts in such date of birth confirmation searches is \$52,480.

The total cost for all system enhancements is \$291,360.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. Other Comments: Due to the extensive work necessary to implement the provisions of the bill, OES is requesting a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.