

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB142

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Involuntary commitment hearings; recordings.**

5. Summary: Requires that each hearing be recorded separately, so that no more than one hearing is recorded per tape or other recording.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Supreme Court, anecdotal evidence suggests that, in many courts, hearings are currently being recorded in compliance with this legislation; therefore, the fiscal impact could be minimal for those courts. There are other courts currently recording a number of hearings on one tape so there will be some fiscal impact for the costs of additional tapes; however, the amount of the increase is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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