

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1745

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Pogge

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Victim witness fee

5. Summary: Increases the fee in criminal cases for the victim witness fund from \$3 to \$12 and requires that the fee increase each year by one dollar until such time as the fee reaches \$25.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 395

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would provide a fee increase that would generate additional non-general funds for the Victim Witness grant program, which provides funding for local Victim Witness initiatives. The revenue generated from the fee increase would allow for full staffing at a number of the highest caseload bearing programs, as well as fund several new programs in localities which are not presently served. It is anticipated that the fee increase would generate an additional \$11.7 million in year one and an additional \$1.3 million each year until the fee reaches \$25 per case. Program expenditures would increase in proportion to program revenues.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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