

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1946

**House of Origin**      X   Introduced               Substitute               Engrossed

**Second House**               In Committee           Substitute               Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Peace

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

**4. Title:**        **Statewide case and financial management systems; interface with circuit courts**

**5. Summary:** Gives the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of a statewide case management system and financial management system, for related technology improvements, and requires that he permit an interface to any circuit court that uses automation or technology improvements provided by a private vendor or the locality. The costs of designing and implementing any such interface shall be the responsibility of the circuit court clerk.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 38

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As a result of the requirements of this bill, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court believes it will have to hire an Information Technology (IT) professional knowledgeable of its operating systems, software development programs, case and financial management systems and the range of existing state government interfaces in order to establish, support, maintain, test and troubleshoot any individual court interfaces developed with a private vendor. The annual cost of salary and fringe benefits required to hire a professional with these skills is \$104,280.

It is not possible to estimate the possible fiscal impact to circuit court clerks associated with the costs of designing and implementing any such interface.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Same as SB1442

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