

Department of Planning and Budget

2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 793

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Videotaping of certain criminal confessions

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would require that, in order to be admissible as evidence in court, confessions in the cases of rape, sodomy, forcible object sexual penetration, armed robbery, carjacking, and kidnapping must be recorded on videotape.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The legislation would require that sheriffs and local police departments have video recording equipment on hand in order to record such confessions. For those departments who do not already have such equipment, there will be a cost incurred to obtain it. It cannot be readily determined how much the cost may be, but it should be relatively minor.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Sheriffs
Local police departments
Commonwealth's attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments:

Because videotaping equipment is probably no longer readily available, it is recommended that the bill be amended to include digital recording.