

**Department of Planning and Budget
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB106

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

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Certificates of analysis and affidavits**

5. Summary: This bill clarifies that the provisions requiring notification of defendants by the Commonwealth must be followed only if the certificate or affidavit is to be used in lieu of testimony. The bill also requires the defendant to provide the Commonwealth with a certificate of analysis no later than 14 days before trial if the accused intends to introduce an independent blood analysis, and makes some other changes to legislation enacted during the August 2009 Special Session in response to the United States Supreme Court decision in *Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts*, 557 U.S. (June 25, 2009).

6. No fiscal impact. Final.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill provides clarification to existing statutes, with no fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Commonwealth Attorneys, Department of Forensic Science, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Consolidated Laboratories.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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