

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB658H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Black

3. **Committee:** Reported from the House Appropriations Committee

4. **Title:** Inventory of physical evidence recovery kits.

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation required the Department of Forensic Science (Department) to create and maintain an inventory of all physical evidence recovery kits that have not been submitted to the Department for analysis prior to July 1, 2014.

The substitute legislation requires all local and state law enforcement agencies to report an inventory of all Physical Evidence Recovery Kits (PERK) in their custody, which were collected but not submitted to the Department of Forensic Science for analysis prior to July 1, 2014.

The Department is to receive the reports from such law-enforcement agencies and report these inventory results to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2015. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Tentative. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. **Expenditure Impact:**

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<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	0	0	General
2015	21,500	0.5	General
2016	0	0	General
2017	0	0	General
2018	0	0	General
2019	0	0	General
2020	0	0	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:**

According to the Department of Forensic Science (Department), the amendment in the nature of substitute would reduce the fiscal impact of the introduced bill.

To fulfill the requirements of the amended legislation, the Department estimates that one temporary part-time employee will be needed to communicate with approximately 400 law enforcement agencies, establish a uniform method for law enforcement agencies to report their PERK inventories to the Department, and work with the Forensic Biology Section of the Department in order to report the inventory results to the General Assembly.

The Department anticipates this part-time employee will be employed for approximately 40 weeks to complete the mandates of the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science, Department of State Police, and local law-enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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