

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB287E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Habeeb

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Mediation; allows for a separate fee for custody or visitation cases that are intertwined with support cases

5. Summary: The bill provides that, where a referral includes both custody or visitation and child or spousal support, the referral is considered to be two separate appointments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute legislation would bifurcate custody/visitation cases from support cases allowing the mediator to charge a fee of \$100 per appointment mediated. Any referral that includes both (i) custody and visitation and (ii) child or spousal support shall be considered two separate appointments.

The Governor's introduced 2016-2018 Budget Bill provides \$310,300 a year to cover the anticipated cost of this provision.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None