

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB364

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

2. **Patron:** Loupassi

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

4. **Title:** Fees for court-appointed attorney providing representation in commitment proceedings.

5. **Summary:** Increases from \$25 to \$150 the fee paid to a court-appointed attorney for providing representation in commitment proceedings in a criminal case

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 42

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill increases the fee for services for court appointed counsel to represent respondents in commitment proceedings. Currently, counsel is compensated a fee of \$25 per representation. This bill would increase the compensation amount to \$150 per representation.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), there are approximately 485 commitment proceedings annually. This number of proceedings has seen little variation over the years. Of the 485 proceedings, the cost of representation in 441 commitment proceedings would be charged to the Involuntary Mental Commitment (“IMC”) Fund, and the remaining 44 proceedings would be charged to the Criminal Fund. Using 485 proceedings as the standard, the following table reflects the annual anticipated fiscal impact.

<b>Impacted Fund</b>	<b>Additional Cost Impact</b>
Criminal Fund	\$55,125
Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund	\$5,500
<i>Estimated Total Impact</i>	\$60,625

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None