

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB701

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

**2. Patron:** Sullivan

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

**4. Title:** Compensation for wrongful incarceration for a felony conviction.

**5. Summary:** Establishes a process for a person wrongfully incarcerated to submit a written request to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court for the disbursement of the transition assistance grant of \$15,000 for payment from the Criminal Fund, provides a 30-day timeframe, or as soon as practicable, within which such grant must be paid, and removes the provision that such grant amount be deducted from any compensation awarded for wrongful incarceration. Current law does not specify the process for the person wrongfully incarcerated to receive such grant.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation provides a process for a wrongfully incarcerated person to request payment of a transitional assistance grant and removes the provision that the grant amount would be deducted from the compensation award. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), this legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

Based on the proposed legislation, it is unknown how many grant requests will be submitted to OES so the Criminal Fund impact is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None