

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB294ER

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

2. Patron: Bill R. DeSteph, Jr.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Retaliatory actions by state officers and employees against persons providing testimony.

5. Summary: Retaliatory actions by state officers and employees against persons providing testimony before a committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly. Prohibits officers and employees of a state agency from retaliating or threatening to retaliate against a person for providing testimony before a committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly. Under the bill, an intentional violation by an officer or employee of a state agency constitutes malfeasance in office. The bill also provides that any person who believes that he is the subject of retaliatory action may file a complaint with the Office of the State Inspector General and expands the authority of the Office to include receiving and investigating such complaints.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the State Inspector General indicates no fiscal impact from the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the State Inspector General

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments:

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