

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1844

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

2. Patron: Ransone

3. Committee: House Committee on Courts of Justice

4. Title: Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court; case information system.

5. Summary: Requires the Executive Secretary to maintain a free online statewide name-searchable case information system of all criminal cases in the circuit courts, general district courts, and adult criminal cases in the juvenile and domestic relations district courts of the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 40

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) to maintain an online statewide name-searchable case information system of all criminal cases in the circuit courts, general district courts and adult criminal cases in juvenile and domestic relations district courts.

According to the OES, the implementation of the proposed legislation would require a comprehensive hardware upgrade of the existing court information system, and several software enhancements. The following table reflects the estimated costs to implement the provisions of this legislation:

Required Work	Cost (Cost frequency)
Mainframe Upgrades	\$999,186 (one time cost)
Software Enhancements	\$27,652 (one time cost)
Develop Juvenile & Domestic Relations court search capacity	\$191,760 (one time cost)
Database licensing	\$63,409 (annually)

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts and, Office of Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None