

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1844H1

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

**2. Patron:** Ransone

**3. Committee:** House Appropriations

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

**5. Summary:** The amended bill requires that the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) to maintain an online case management system of nonconfidential case information entered in a case management system hosted by the Office of the Executive Secretary, subject to record retention periods provided by law, of all criminal cases in the participating circuit courts and general district courts and all adult criminal cases in the participating juvenile and domestic relations district courts of the Commonwealth. The information available on such system for cases in the participating juvenile and domestic relations district courts and cannot contain the name of the complainant. Such system must be searchable by defendant name across all participating localities and across all participating courts and be available to the public free of charge. The provisions of this act is effective on January 1, 2018.

**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 case information system of nonconfidential case information entered in a case management system hosted by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, of all criminal cases in the participating circuit courts and general district courts and all adult criminal cases in the participating juvenile and domestic relations district courts of the Commonwealth.

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	\$191,760 (one time cost)

search capacity	
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