Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1257

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

2. **Patron:** Chafin

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

4. **Title:** Two-way video testimony; forensic analysis and examination.

5. **Summary:** This bill provides that any testimony offered by either party in a preliminary hearing or sentencing hearing, or offered by the accused in any hearing other than a trial, from a person who performed an analysis or examination that resulted in a certificate of analysis may be presented by two-way video conferencing. The bill provides that any decision to purchase a two-way electronic video and audio communication system is at the discretion of the locality.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill is not expected to result in a fiscal impact because there is a provision in the bill that specifies that nothing in this section requires a locality to purchase a two-way electronic video and audio communication system. The decision to purchase the equipment is left to the discretion of the locality. The bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Forensic Science.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** local government, Department of Forensic Science

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None