

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1257 - ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Chafin

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**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. See Item #8

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**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