

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2078H1

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

2. Patron: Bell, Richard P.

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Forfeiture on recognizance; bail bondsman; suspension of license.

5. Summary: Provides that if a forfeited recognizance is not paid within 150 days, the license of any bail bondsman on the bond shall be suspended by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) until the forfeiture is satisfied. The bill further provides that the court will then give notice to any employer of the bail bondsman on the bond to pay the forfeited recognizance within 10 business days. If such forfeited recognizance is not paid at the end of the additional 10 business days, the bill provides that the DCJS shall suspend the licenses of such employer of the bail bondsman, or any of its agents thereof until the forfeited recognizance is satisfied.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute version of this bill establishes the conditions for a required notification that is to be provided by a clerk to a bail bondsman or the employer of a bail bondsman and to DCJS in the event of an unpaid recognizance, and further specifies the circumstances in which DCJS shall suspend the license of a bail bondsman or an employer of a bail bondsman, and the conditions for reinstatement of such a license. According to DCJS, the substitute bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact, and the agency believes it can absorb the increased workload within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None