

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1759

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

2. Patron: Campbell, R.R.

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Personal appearance by 2-way electronic video/audio communication; at or after trial before judge.

5. Summary: The proposed bill allows a personal appearance required or permitted at or after trial before a judge to be made using two-way electronic video and audio communication (i) with the consent of the defendant and the Commonwealth and (ii) if the defendant has waived his right to be present at trial and the court ascertains that such waiver is voluntary and intelligently made. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), it is possible the bill may result in an increase in the number of hearings in criminal matters that are conducted virtually. However, the increase in hearings is not expected to create a material fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None