

Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1180ES1

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

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Civil actions filed on behalf of multiple persons

5. Summary: The substitute bill provides that on motion of any party, a circuit court may enter an order joining, coordinating, consolidating, or transferring civil actions upon finding that separate civil actions brought by six or more plaintiffs or a civil action brought by a plaintiff on behalf of multiple similarly situated persons involves common questions of law or fact and arises out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences.

The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Line #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the substitute bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on the resources of the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None