

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1838

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Taylor

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Child Pornography Registry; required information.

5. Summary: Requires the Child Pornography Registry to include has values or other applicable identification methods of all known or suspected child pornography obtained during the course of a criminal investigation, or presented as evidence and used in any conviction for an offense. Current law requires the Registry to store copies of the materials.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) keeps and maintains the Child Pornography Registry in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). According to VSP, the agency will implement a new system to replace the current image database at a one-time cost of \$30,000 for replacement of the system and \$20,000 annually thereafter to maintain it. VSP plans to use existing nongeneral fund resources (the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund and the Sex Offender Registry Fund) to implement and maintain the new system and is not seeking additional funding to support this initiative.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Office of the Attorney General as a result of this proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Office of the Attorney General.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB1241.