

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1630 H1

Patron: Keys-Gamarra

Bill Title: Discovery; electronic means.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill provides that if discovery is requested by counsel of record for the accused, the Commonwealth must provide such discovery by electronic means, defined in the bill, unless (i) such counsel of record requests a physical copy or (ii) such material is prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means. If such material is impossible to provide by electronic means, the Commonwealth must provide a physical copy unless such material is prohibited from being distributed by law. In any district court, the attorney for the Commonwealth is required to provide to counsel of record for the accused, if requested, a copy of any police report related to the case charged at least 10 days prior to the date the case is set for trial.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

Items Impacted: Indeterminate

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: According to the Compensation Board, although this bill may increase costs and have a workload impact on Commonwealth Attorney's offices, the costs cannot be quantified at this time. This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: None available

Other: None