Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1776 Patron: Sullivan

Bill Title: Claims; Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr.; compensation for wrongful incarceration.

Bill Summary: The bill grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr., who was wrongly convicted in 1976 of murder, sodomy by force, and abduction with the intent to defile and, as a result of such wrongful conviction, was subjected to 45 years of imprisonment and when released on parole was required to register on the sex offender registry for an additional four years before receiving a writ of actual innocence in 2024.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 261 of HB1600

Explanation: The bill directs that "there is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state

treasury the sum of an amount to be provided in the appropriation act for the relief of Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr...." A budget amendment would be required to appropriate such

relief.

Fiscal Summary: Based on the Treasury's calculations using Mr. Grimm's dates of wrongful incarceration and registration on the sex offender registry, the bill directs an amount of \$3,498,289 in the appropriation act for the relief of Mr. Grimm from the general fund of the Treasury.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Treasury	-	\$3,498,289	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL	-	\$3,498,289	-	-	-	-

Fiscal Analysis: The bill would provide relief to Marvin Leon Grimm Jr. Mr. Grimm was found to have been wrongfully incarcerated and subsequently wrongfully required to register on the sex offender registry, and this legislation is intended to compensate him for the time he was wrongfully incarcerated and registered. Per calculations performed by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) based on Mr. Grimm's dates of incarceration and registration, he would be entitled to \$2,787,970 for wrongful incarceration and \$710,319 for wrongful registration on the sex offender registry, under the provisions of this legislation. The wrongful registration amount reflects the days on the registry before and after release from incarceration. Any amount for such compensation would need to be appropriated in the Appropriation Act from the general fund of the Treasury to make the payment.

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Other: HB1914 would modify the calculations for compensation for individuals wrongfully required to register on the sex offender registry. If HB1914 is enacted into law, it will impact the wrongful registration relief calculations on this bill.