Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB965 ER **Patron:** Carroll Foy
Bill Title: Recording of proceedings in district courts.

Bill Summary: Allows an audio recording of proceedings in a district court, which includes both general district court and juvenile and domestic relations district court, to be made by a party or his counsel. Under current law, such recordings are only allowed in a general district court. The bill allows the judge of a juvenile and domestic relations district court to impose any restriction as necessary to comply with the confidentiality requirements applicable to such district court.

The bill provides that no judge of a district court shall (i) order or require a party or his counsel to submit a copy of an audio recording made pursuant to this section or a transcript of such recording to the clerk of a district court to be maintained in such party's individual case file or (ii) prohibit a party or his counsel from providing such copy or transcript of such recording to the opposing party or his counsel.

Present law allows a party or his counsel to, in his discretion, provide a copy of an audio recording made to the opposing party or his counsel. The bill strikes this allowance.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) this bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None