

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1713 ER

Patron: Watts

Bill Title: Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets; Behavioral Health Docket Act.

Bill Summary: Authorizes a general district court and a juvenile and domestic relations district court to retain jurisdiction over a felony offense for the purpose of allowing the accused to complete a specialty docket or behavioral health docket established pursuant to relevant law. Current law only explicitly provides such courts with the ability to certify felony charges to the circuit court or dismiss such charges after a preliminary hearing to determine if probable cause exists for such charges.

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, this bill is not expected to have a material impact on Courts. Funding to support specialty dockets is included in OES budget (Item 31, program 399).

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None