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

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Bill Number: SB 945 ER **Patron:** DeSteph
Bill Title: Campaign finance; appeal of penalties.

Bill Summary: Provides for an appeal process for any person or committee assessed a civil penalty under the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006. Upon petition, the State Board of Elections may provide relief to the petitioner for good cause shown. Such relief may include forgiveness of all or a portion of an assessed civil penalty, the retroactive extension of a deadline, or other appropriate remedy. For each appeal that it hears, the State Board shall publish a written opinion, which shall include the facts put before the State Board, the State Board's decision, and the State Board's rationale for reaching such decision.

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

Fiscal Summary: No state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact. The cumulative effect of all elections related legislation may cause the Department of Elections to incur an indeterminate cost.

Other: N/A