Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB245ER **Patron:** Watts
Bill Title: Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets; Behavioral Health Docket Act.

Bill Summary: This enrolled bill 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 (OES) of the Supreme Court, this bill is not expected to have a material impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: According to OES, there is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Any unforeseen costs are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

Other: None.