Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB974E **Patron:** Price
Bill Title: Witness impeachment evidence designation; review process.

Bill Summary: Provides a review process when the attorney for the Commonwealth designates a law-enforcement officer as a witness with a witness impeachment evidence designation within certain time frames specified in the bill. The bill defines ''witness impeachment evidence designation'' as a determination that is made by or a designation that is created by the attorney for the Commonwealth relating to a law-enforcement officer who is believed to have given inconsistent statements or otherwise engaged in conduct that meets the requirements for disclosure in a criminal prosecution according to the Constitution of the United States. The bill prohibits a law-enforcement officer from being discharged, disciplined, or threatened with discharge or discipline solely due to the designation of such officer as a witness with a witness impeachment evidence designation.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate impact on Commonwealth's Attorneys as a result of this proposal.

Fiscal Analysis: This proposal provides a review process when the attorney for the Commonwealth designates a law-enforcement officer as a witness with a witness impeachment evidence designation within certain time frames specified in the bill. It is indeterminate how many law-enforcement officers may be designated with a witness impeachment evidence designation. Therefore, the impact is indeterminate.

Other: None.