

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

- 1. Bill Number:** HB378

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled
- 2. Patron:** Williams Graves
- 3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice
- 4. Title:** Increase in jury duty allowance
- 5. Summary:** The proposed bill increases the jury duty allowance from \$30 to \$40 for each day of attendance upon the court effective July 1, 2022; to \$45 effective July 1, 2023; and to \$50 effective July 1, 2024, and thereafter.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 44
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)
- 8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the amount expended from the Criminal Fund for jurors in circuit courts during FY 2019 (the most recent year unaffected by the pandemic) was \$2,288,658 in general fund support. Assuming juries are empaneled at the pre-pandemic rate, it is anticipated the proposed bill would result in a \$762,886 annual increase in needed in general fund support to cover expected juror compensation in FY 2023; \$1,144,329 in FY 2024 and \$1,525,772 in FY 2025 and every year thereafter.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Circuit Courts
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No
- 11. Other Comments:** This fiscal impact statement does not reflect the expected increase in the number of defendants who will opt for jury trials due to legislative changes passed in 2021 that amended the laws regarding jury sentencing.