

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Lambert
 Rep. Levy

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TITLE: CONCERNING CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DISCOVERY COSTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Increase - see State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: Workload increase - see Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

Recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, this bill creates the Discovery Task Force to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of providing discovery for criminal cases in an electronic format and alternate means of sharing and reimbursing discovery costs.

Comprised of 12 individuals from state and local law enforcement and judicial agencies, including 1 non-voting member from the Governor's Office of Information Technology, the task force is to convene its first meeting by June 30, 2013, and meet at least twice a month until it completes its work or November 15, 2013, whichever comes first. If the task force has not completed its final report, it is directed to provide a preliminary report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2013. The final report is to be presented to the Joint Budget Committee and the judiciary committees of the General Assembly by January 31, 2014.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase workload for affected agencies to serve on the task force and prepare a report for the Joint Budget Committee and judiciary committees of the General Assembly. Affected state agencies include the Department of Law, Judicial Branch, the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel, the Office of the State Public Defender, and the Governor's Office of Information Technology. This analysis assumes the increase in workload is minimal and will not require additional appropriations for any state agency.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state, this bill will increase workload for participation on the task force for the three district attorneys, the chief of police, and the sheriff that are appointed by the Governor. The impact of the bill is expected to be minimal.

Departments Contacted

Alternate Defense Counsel
Governor's Office
Municipalities

Counties
Judicial
Sheriffs

District Attorneys
Law