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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 1126  
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**Subject:** General Sessions Court Docket Plan  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** March 9, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 1-7-330 to authorize the circuit solicitor to administer the general sessions court docket plan, to require the solicitor to schedule pleas and motions, and to require the solicitor to publish the docket of defendants who must appear to enter pleas of guilt, reject plea offers, or address other preliminary matters before the court. It also requires the circuit solicitor to submit the trial docket to the chief administrative judge and to notify defendants and their counsel, if any, of the trial docket. Further, it ensures that the circuit solicitor's authority to administer the docket does not interfere with defendants' constitutional rights and allows the circuit court to rule on issues arising from the administration of the docket. The bill also preserves all crime victims' constitutional rights.

**Judicial Department and Commission on Prosecution Coordination.** These agencies report that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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