

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB415

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: Ballard

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Sentencing by jury

5. Summary: The proposed bill provides that if a jury finds a person guilty of a criminal offense, such jury must ascertain the punishment of the offense. Under current law, unless the accused has requested that the jury ascertain punishment, the court must fix punishment after the accused has been found guilty by a jury.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined at this time.

The bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact for Commonwealth's Attorneys.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts and Commonwealth's Attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None