

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 826

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SIMS

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out all of said line  
2 and inserting

3 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each  
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5 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

6 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or  
7 regulation to the contrary, selected legislation, including a  
8 joint or concurrent resolution, referred to either the  
9 Judiciary Committee of the Senate or the Judiciary Committee  
10 of the House of Representatives may include a judicial impact  
11 statement as a means of assessing the effects of the selected  
12 legislation on the courts and the Department of Corrections.  
13 All judicial impact statements prepared in accordance with  
14 this paragraph shall be published in the Pennsylvania  
15 Bulletin. A judicial impact statement, when requested by a  
16 Senator or Representative, shall be prepared by the  
17 Independent Fiscal Office established under 71 Pa.C.S. § 4103  
18 (relating to office established) in consultation with the  
19 Administrative Office of the Supreme Court and, if determined  
20 appropriate by the Independent Fiscal Office, the Secretary  
21 of Corrections. A judicial impact statement shall include,  
22 but not be limited to, an estimate, in dollars, of the amount  
23 by which the selected legislation would increase or decrease  
24 revenues or expenditures of the unified judicial system and  
25 the Department of Corrections, and any other information  
26 which explains the fiscal effect of the selected legislation  
27 on manpower and costs to the unified judicial system and the  
28 Department of Corrections.

29 Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "a paragraph"  
30 and inserting

31 paragraphs

32 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

33 (9) Prepare a judicial impact statement on selected

1 legislation, including any joint or concurrent resolution,  
2 referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the  
3 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, when  
4 requested by a Senator or Representative. Other legislation,  
5 including a joint or concurrent resolution, concerned with  
6 the administration of justice or the Department of  
7 Corrections may be analyzed as staff resources permit. Each  
8 judicial impact statement prepared in accordance with this  
9 paragraph shall:

10 (i) Include a fiscal analysis of the legislation or  
11 joint or concurrent resolution.

12 (ii) Include a description of the potential impact  
13 on manpower and costs to the unified judicial system and  
14 the Department of Corrections, if applicable.

15 (ii) Be presented to the respective committee  
16 members prior to the date on which the legislation,  
17 including a joint or concurrent resolution, will be  
18 considered by the appropriate standing committee.

19 Judicial impact statements authorized under this paragraph  
20 shall be prepared on a 12-month trial basis. Thereafter, the  
21 cost and effectiveness of judicial impact statements shall be  
22 evaluated by the office, in consultation with the chairman  
23 and minority chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the  
24 Senate, or their designees, and the chairman and minority  
25 chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of  
26 Representatives, or their designees.