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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Subject: Photographing a law officer
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

There will be minimal additional costs to the General Fund that can be absorbed by the Judicial Department. Federal and Other Funds will not be impacted.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends section 65-5-50 to provide the offense of hindering a law enforcement officer does not apply to a person who photographs or records a law enforcement officer performing official duties while the officer is in a public place or the person is in a place the person has the right to be. The Judicial Department anticipates that additional hearings and trials will be held in Common Pleas and Magistrates courts. There is no data available to indicate the number of additional hearings and trials. However, should this bill result in a significant number of additional hearings and trials, it could result in an increased backlog for the Common Pleas and Magistrate courts. Any additional costs to the Magistrate courts would be born by the counties. There will be minimal additional costs to the General Fund, but they can be absorbed by the Judicial Department. Federal and Other Funds will not be impacted.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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