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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1136 (Delegates Giannetti and Amedori)

Judiciary

False Statements to Legislative Branch Units

This bill makes it a misdemeanor to make a false statement, conceal a material fact, or make false representations in a recorded proceeding to members of a unit of the Legislative Branch of the State Government. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$500.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase minimally as a result of the bill's monetary penalty provision since these cases would be heard in the District Court.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no specific offense of making a false representation to a unit of the legislative branch.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill is identical to SB 9 from the 1999 session and SB 24 from the 1998 session. Both bills were passed by the Senate, but received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee. Similar bills were introduced during the 1988 through 1998 sessions. In 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 the bills received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee. In 1991, 1992, and 1994, the bills received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: SB 88 (Senator Green - Judicial Proceedings) is identified as a cross file although it is different.

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