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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR HJC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 458/HJCS

SHORT TITLE Address Box in Uniform Traffic Citation SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$6.0	Recurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Motor Vehicle Division (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Judiciary Committee substitute for House Bill 458 amends Section 66-8-128 to mandate including a physical and mailing address on the uniform traffic citation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), HB 458 requires the Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) to contain both a physical and mailing address. This information is not currently on the UTC. Law enforcement agencies have UTCs in stock. If passed, agencies will be required to destroy old citations and order the new citations at significant expense to the agencies.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the AOC, the only address given on a uniform traffic citation today is the address as it appears on a driver’s license. This, especially in rural areas of the state, is not the address where a defendant receives mail. Thus, it is possible that a warrant is issued for the defendant’s arrest for failure to appear when notice is sent to the only address the court has which is the one on the citation. By adding mailing and physical address to the citation, the court can be assisted in sending any notices to the defendant’s correct address and the possibility of a warrant is lessened.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance-based budgeting. According to the AOC, this bill may have an impact on the measures of the courts in the following areas:

- Number of bench warrants issued for failure to appear

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

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