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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 819, L.D. 1073, Bill, "An Act to Provide Compensation to a Person Detained on the Basis of a Warrant Issued in Error"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department will require additional General Fund appropriations to provide compensation to successful plaintiffs. The amount required in any given fiscal year can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of successful plaintiffs, the number of hours of wrongful detainment and the amount of attorney's fees.

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT