



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5557

House of Representatives, March 24, 2004

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS AND MONITORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 51-63 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (c) In addition to other compensation, official and assistant reporters
5 and monitors shall be entitled to charge a party or other individual
6 [one dollar and seventy-five cents] three dollars for each transcript
7 page which is or previously was transcribed from the original record
8 as provided by law, except that (1) the charge to any official of the
9 state, or any of its agencies, boards or commissions or of any
10 municipality of the state, acting in his official capacity, shall be [one
11 dollar] two dollars and fifty cents for each transcript page which is or
12 previously was transcribed from the official record, provided the
13 charge to any such official shall be [fifty cents] one dollar for each page

14 for which a charge of [one dollar] two dollars and fifty cents already
15 has been made, (2) there shall be no charge to the state's attorney,
16 assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney for a
17 transcript provided pursuant to subsection (d) of section 51-61, and (3)
18 there shall be no charge to the court for a transcript provided pursuant
19 to subsection (f) of section 51-61. For the purposes of this subsection,
20 "transcript page" means a page consisting of twenty-seven double-
21 spaced lines on paper eight and one-half by eleven inches in size, with
22 sixty spaces available per line. The Chief Court Administrator shall
23 adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions
24 of this section, including but not limited to, the establishment and
25 administration of a system of fees for production of expedited
26 transcripts.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2004

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	215,000	215,000
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Cost	150,000	150,000
Pub. Defender Serv. Com.	GF - Cost	100,000	100,000
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill increases the per page fee charged for transcripts by court reporters and monitors, and official stenographers of the Workers' Compensation Commission. The cost of this increase would be borne primarily by the criminal justice agencies listed in the table above. Other state agencies and municipalities would incur a minimal cost from the fee increase because they order relatively few transcripts from Judicial court reporters and Workers' Compensation Commission stenographers.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS AND MONITORS**SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the fee court reporters and monitors charge parties and other individuals for transcripts from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per page. It also increases the fee charged to state and municipal officials from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per page. By law, once an official has paid this fee, subsequent officials pay a lower fee. The bill increases this lower fee from 50 cents to \$1.00 per page.

As under current law, court reporters cannot charge a state's attorney for a copy when the transcript is requested by a party of record and they cannot charge the court for a copy when the transcript is requested by a state's attorney or a party of record.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 38 Nay 0