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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Winter Rep. Woodrow	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** ACCESS TO SUPPRESSED COURT EVICTION RECORDS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows certain attorneys to access suppressed court eviction records. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2022-23.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Currently, eviction records are automatically suppressed and only available to certain individuals. This bill permits an attorney, who has permission from a party included in a suppressed court record, to access the record for the purpose of providing legal advice to, or evaluating whether to enter an appearance on behalf of, the party included in the record.

## State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase expenditures in the Judicial Department beginning in FY 2022-23, as detailed below. No change in appropriations is required.

**Trial courts.** The bill will increase workload in trial courts to provide additional attorneys with access to suppressed court records. This fiscal note assumes that attorneys will make these requests in 35 percent of applicable cases, resulting in about 500 hours of additional work for trial court staff each year. This work includes uploading, verifying and filing requests, as well as providing attorneys with the requested documentation.

**Computer programming.** The Judicial Department will make changes to various department applications and programs.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties

Information Technology

Judicial