

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2131
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2131 modifies the procedures for advising grand juries. The measure provides that a transcript of the testimony is to be made available to the attorney for the accused, the district attorney, assistant district attorney, attorney general or the assistant attorney general upon request. Persons who obtain a copy of a grand jury transcript are prohibited from disclosing its contents. Transcripts are prohibited from being used for any purpose other than in proceedings related to the grand jury testimony, civil asset forfeiture proceedings or an accusation for removal of a public official from the grand jury, without good cause supported by clear and convincing evidence. The pleadings relating to a request for grand jury transcripts are to be sealed and any hearing held pursuant to a request for grand jury transcripts is to be closed to the public unless the presiding judge finds that the public interest in unsealing the pleadings or opening the hearing to the public outweighs the public interest

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB2131 modifies procedures related to the request for transcripts in certain criminal proceedings. Any costs associated with this are expected to be immaterial and in accordance with the normal duties of providing these transcripts. Therefore, in its current form, HB2131 is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.