

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-653

AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN FILE DISCLOSURE IN CRIMINAL  
CASES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>	<b>FY 21 \$</b>
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Cost	577,135	1,017,509
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	188,871	398,517

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill expands the types of evidence that must be disclosed to defense counsel by request and within 45 days and results in a cost of \$766,006 in FY 20 (partial year costs) and \$1,416,026 in FY 21 associated with new personnel, equipment, and related fringe benefits. It is anticipated that this bill will significantly increase the workload of each of the judicial districts (JD) and that each JD will require one (two in the JDs with the highest traffic - Hartford and New Haven) additional paralegal (\$61,138), one high speed scanner (\$7,200) to fulfill the requirements of the bill, and \$50,000 for various other costs (transcripts, media/thumb drives, etc).

### ***The Out Years***

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.