

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 1 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	Shields
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/30, 4/6, 4/16, 4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows victims to assert the right to a speedy trial. Provides that victim's assertion of speedy trial rights does not supersede defendant's constitutional rights. Creates procedure for asserting right to speedy trial.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Extensive delay prior to trial
- Effect of delay on victim
- Defense of delay
- Defendant's constitutional rights
- Date certain trial dates
- Procedure for invoking right
- Numerous states with similar victim's rights statutes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that victim's assertion of speedy trial rights does not supersede defendant's constitutional rights. Creates procedure for asserting right to speedy trial.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, defendants in criminal cases have a right to a speedy trial. This bill grants victims the same right and provides that the remedy for violating this provision is to have a trial set with all practicable speed. It gives victims an opportunity to participate in the pre-trial process; acknowledging that a prolonged pre-trial wait can cause mental and emotional strain.