

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB277

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Helmer

3. **Committee:** Labor and Commerce

4. **Title:** Consumer protection; transparency in ticket fees; civil penalties.

5. **Summary:** Provides that any person that sells, resells, or facilitates the sale or resale of a ticket to an event shall clearly and conspicuously display the total cost of the ticket, including all ancillary fees or surcharges that are required to be paid in order to purchase the ticket. The bill allows for a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 51

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will allow the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) to bring action against violations of the Ticket Fee Transparency Act. The OAG indicates this bill will potentially increase the number of complaints in the consumer protection section and, therefore, may increase OAG workload requiring an additional \$63,358 per year in attorney and investigator costs.

It is unknown at this time how many violations of the Ticket Fee Transparency Act will occur, and therefore, it is unknown the impact of deposits to the Literary Fund.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

Date: 2/5/2024