



defendants may seek additional funds for expert witnesses and undertake more rigorous efforts to establish and prove the defense. There may be an increase in costs for expert witnesses, indigent defense, and court time (judges, deputy clerks, and assistant district attorneys). The Judicial Branch is unable to estimate the number of cases that may be affected, or the magnitude of the effect in such cases.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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