

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1156/1	Introduction Number	SB-013	Estimate Type	Original
Description Torts and personal injury trusts					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates new definitions, procedures and requirements for personal injury claims. The procedures impact discovery and scheduling of cases involving personal injury claims.

In 2012, there were 6,350 actions filed in circuit courts that were identified as involving personal injury or property damage. It appears from the wording of the bill that all of these actions would be subject to the procedures and requirements established by the bill.

Additional court proceedings could be generated under the terms of this bill, but it is impossible to predict how frequently that may happen. Additional court proceedings require judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by the state and the county. It is expected that existing court staff would absorb any additional proceedings, but it is also expected that the additional procedures required by the bill may delay the resolution and disposition of the cases impacted by the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications