

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-0883/1	Introduction Number	AB-0037	Estimate Type	Original
Description Increasing the rate paid to private attorneys for representing indigent clients					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the rate of pay for private local attorneys assigned to handle cases for the state public defender's office from the current \$40 per hour to \$100 per hour.

Counties with a small number of private practice attorneys often experience difficulty in finding attorneys to handle private bar assignments and require attorneys to come from a distance to fulfill these assignments. If this legislation results in more attorneys accepting private bar assignments, it is likely that some cases will be disposed of by the circuit courts in a more efficient and expeditious manner.

This bill will have no direct fiscal impact on the state court system.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications