

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

- X ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.

SB 25 (LRB-1466/1)

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Providing juries with an explanation regarding the results of their findings

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- X GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

s. 20.550 (1)(d)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires in civil actions that the court explain to the jury the legal conclusions that will follow from its possible findings and permits counsel for each party to comment on the court's explanation. Enactment of this bill would have the following fiscal effect on the State Public Defender's Office:

As the bill is currently drafted, it appears that this provision would apply to all civil actions. If applicable to all civil actions, then it is possible that litigation and/or appeals in civil matters that the SPD handles (i.e. sections 48, 51, 55, 880 and 980, Stats.) would increase. If litigation and/or appeals increase, then costs to the SPD would also increase.

It should be noted that if this bill applied in only civil cases where money damages are an issue, the SPD would not expect to incur increased costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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