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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) provides legal representation in criminal cases and other specified proceedings in which the loss of personal liberty or parental rights may occur. For adult clients, the SPD must complete a financial eligibility evaluation before appointing an attorney. SPD services are constitutionally required because in the case types handled by SPD, a defendant without the financial means to hire an attorney has the right to have an attorney appointed. Therefore, any bill that would increase the number of cases handled by SPD would increase SPD costs.

Although this bill does not create an entirely new criminal offense for which SPD will be required to appoint attorneys, it does increase the penalties for a second offense of first-degree sexual assault. Thus, the SPD would likely see increased costs from additional attorney time related to the bill's expanded requirement of mandatory life imprisonment.

Counties are likely to see increased jail costs related to defendants in these cases spending additional time in county jail pending trial or other resolution of their cases.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications