

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject Payment of litigation expenses for EMTs, firefighters and law enforcement		

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.

This bill does not create new criminal offenses.

Local governmental entities might incur additional costs as employers related to payment of legal expenses for their employees. However, these entities may already be paying these expenses in most of these cases.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications