

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Description Time for service of court documents in child abuse and harassment injunction cases		

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.

Since this bill does not create a new offense or expand the definition of any offense, it should not result in any change to SPD costs.

Counties could realize a savings in the cost of service of process, although it would not probably not be a large amount.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications