



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 2/28/2017

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

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the private bar rate for SPD cases from \$40/hr to \$100/hr. Some District Attorneys noted that the difficulty in finding private attorneys willing to accept public defender appointments at the current rate of pay was presently causing unnecessary delays in their cases. Others expressed concern that increasing the compensation paid to private defense attorneys may create an incentive to unnecessarily prolong the resolution of cases and therefore overburden DA's offices. As such, the agency believes that the fiscal effect is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors were of mixed opinion as to the short-range and long-range impact of this bill. Therefore, the agency believes that the fiscal effect is indeterminate.