Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-0883/1	Introduction Number AB-003	37		
Description Increasing the rate paid to private attorneys for	representing indigent clients			
Fiscal Effect				
Appropriations Reve	ease Existing enues ease Existing enues Increase Costs - May to absorb within agend enues Decrease Costs			
Permissive Mandatory Perm 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decr	5.Types of Local Government Units Affected Towns Villag Counties Other School Districts Districts	rs S		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS				
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives DA 2/28/2017

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Description						
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.