



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 83

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Senate Bill 83 as introduced revises the amount and the cap that certain indigent defense attorneys are paid based on the level of the original criminal charge as indicated below. According to the Office of Indigent Services (OIDS), this will increase the obligations of the Fair Trial Tax Fund, paid by the State General Fund, by an estimated \$8.2 million dollars per year.

Case Type	Old Fee	New Fee	Old Cap	New Cap
Capital Offense	\$70/Hr	\$120/Hr	No Cap	No Cap
Class A felony	\$70/HR	\$110/HR	\$4,000	\$7,000
Class B felony	\$70/HR	\$90/HR	\$3,000	\$6,000
Class C/D felony	\$70/HR	\$70/HR	\$2,000	\$4,500
Juvenile	\$70/HR	\$80/HR	\$2,500	\$4,500
Traffic	\$70/HR	\$55/HR	N/A	\$1,500
Other	\$70/HR	\$70/HR	\$1,500	\$2,500
Appeals	\$70/HR	\$85/HR	\$2,500	\$5,000
Supreme Court	\$70/HR	\$85/HR	\$2,500	\$5,000

In addition, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of OIDS and the indigent defense advisory boards, by an undetermined amount, to comply with the provisions of this bill.