



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 83

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

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Senate Bill 83 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary would increase the obligations of the Fair Trial Tax Fund, paid from the State General Fund, by an estimated \$5.0 million dollars annually, according to the Office of Indigent Services (OIDS), beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, by revising the fee amounts paid to certain indigent defense attorneys, as follows:

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	\$100/HR	\$4,000	\$6,000
Class B felony	\$70/HR	\$80/HR	\$3,000	\$4,000
Class C/D felony	\$70/HR	\$80/HR	\$2,000	\$3,500
Juvenile	\$70/HR	\$70/HR	\$2,500	\$4,500
Other	\$70/HR	\$55/HR	\$1,500	\$2,000
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.