

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2683

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Barlow

3. Committee H. Courts of Justice

4. Title Compensation of court-appointed counsel.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that when counsel is appointed to defend an indigent charged with a felony, such counsel shall continue to receive compensation as provided for defending such a felony, regardless of whether the charge is reduced or amended to a misdemeanor or lesser felony prior to final disposition of the case.

6. Fiscal Impact: Yes, see #8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

Currently, appointed counsel are paid based on the nature of the conviction at final disposition. Counsel appointed to defend a felony conviction is paid more than, for example, a misdemeanor. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, there will be a fiscal impact on the Criminal Fund resulting from this bill. However, there is not enough information available to determine the fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The court system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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