

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**REVISED**

**1. Bill Number** HB2368

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Nutter

**3. Committee**    House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            Compensation of experts in criminal cases.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Increases the maximum fee from \$400 to \$750 that the court may pay for professional services rendered by each psychiatrist, clinical psychologist or other expert appointed by the court to render professional service in a criminal case. This is a revised fiscal impact statement that takes into account better information.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary (see item 8)

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2007-08	\$517,285	0	GF
2008-09	\$517,285	0	GF
2009-10	\$517,285	0	GF
2010-11	\$517,285	0	GF
2011-12	\$517,285	0	GF
2012-13	\$517,285	0	GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 32

**8. Fiscal implications:** In FY06, almost \$592,000 was spent for experts and physicians appointed by the court for professional services. The calculations in item 6 assume the following:

- 1) These services will be needed at the same rate as in FY06
- 2) Calculations are based on a 87.5 percent fee increase (this is the percentage increase from \$400 to \$750)
- 3) The revenue shown only represents the additional revenue up and beyond the amount already collected at the \$400 fee rate.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Courts

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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