



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 244

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Sponsor: Representative Danny Crawford
Fund

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House Bill 244 as passed the House of Representatives could increase the obligations of the Office of Indigent Defense Services (OIDS), paid from the Fair Trial Tax Fund and funded by the State General Fund, by an undetermined amount by increasing the cap on attorney fees for guardians ad litem in juvenile dependency cases from \$2,500, under current law, to \$5,000, as provided by this bill. According to OIDS, 366 claims exceeded the current cap in Fiscal Year 2022.