



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 148

Committee: Judiciary

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Senate Bill 148 as introduced 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.