



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 178

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Senate Bill 178 as introduced would create the Speedy Trial Fund in the State Treasury to fund the compensation of a visiting judge appointed to preside over certain violent crime cases, along with the other costs associated with the adjudication of such cases, as provided by this bill. Current law caps the maximum compensation of a judge called into interim activity status at \$39,000 per year (\$780 per day for a maximum of 50 days).

Further this bill could increase the obligations of the Office of Attorney General or certain district attorneys by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost of contracting for court reporting services to support a visiting judge as allowed by this bill.