

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 23, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB727** by Staples (Relating to the payment of fees awarded to certain attorneys appointed by a court to represent indigent inmates in capital cases.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the payment of fees awarded to certain attorneys appointed by a court to represent indigent inmates in capital cases. The bill would require the Comptroller in the Comptroller's miscellaneous claims bill to compensate counsel up to \$50,000 in death penalty cases when the defendant is an inmate. The current compensation for such cases is capped at \$25,000. To the extent the Comptroller may pay counsel in certain death penalty cases increased compensation from the appropriation for miscellaneous claims, the fiscal implication of increased payments is not anticipated to be significant.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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