

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

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB268** by Keel (Relating to the qualifications and appointment of counsel for indigent defendants in capital cases.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

This bill requires the Task Force on Indigent Defense to set standards for attorneys who are to be appointed to represent indigent defendants applying for a writ of habeas corpus seeking relief from the death penalty. The bill also authorizes the Task Force to maintain a list of qualified attorneys.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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