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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4222-01
Bill No.: HB 1621
Subject: Attorneys; Courts; Liability
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Bill Summary: This proposal eliminates the Legal Services for Low-Income People Fund and authorizes the transfer of certain moneys in the Tort Victims' Compensation Fund into the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Legal Services for Low Income People Fund	(Unknown over \$227,297)	\$0	\$0
Tort Victims' Compensation Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	Unknown over \$227,297	Unknown	Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Treasurer, Office of the Attorney General** and the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight assumes this proposal eliminates the Legal Services for Low-Income People Fund and transfers the entire balance of that fund into the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund. The account balance as of January 31, 2008 in the Legal Services for Low-Income People Fund was \$227,296.77. For this fiscal note we have shown the transfer of that balance as Unknown over \$227,297 in FY 2009.

Oversight assumes the net effect on this proposal is zero as this proposal just transfers money from one fund to another.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE FUND			
<u>Transfer Out</u> - Closing fund and transfer of balance to Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	<u>(Unknown over \$227,297)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE FUND	<u>(Unknown over \$227,297)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TORT VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND			
<u>Transfer Out</u> - payments and interest	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON TORT VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND			
<u>Transfer In</u> - from Legal Services for Low Income People Fund	Unknown over \$227,297	\$0	\$0
<u>Transfer In</u> - interest and payments from Tort Victims' Compensation Fund	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND	<u>Unknown over \$227,297</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill eliminates the Legal Services for Low-Income People Fund and transfers all moneys from the fund to the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund. Twenty-six percent of all future payments deposited into the Tort Victims' Compensation Fund will be transferred into the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Treasurer
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Office of the Attorney General



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