

FISCAL NOTE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1417
LC# 25.1150.02000
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1 - State Fiscal Effect

Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium		2027-2029 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues			\$(340,000)	\$(1,810,000)	\$(340,000)	\$(1,810,000)
Expenditures			\$1,500,000	\$(1,500,000)	\$1,500,000	\$(1,500,000)
Appropriations			\$310,000			

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium	2027-2029 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

This bill removes the assessment of supervision fees, the indigent defense services application fee, and reimbursement of indigent costs and expenses.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

DOCR: Page 8, section 4 removes \$55/month supervision fee charge. DOCR bills approximately \$6 million in supervision fees per biennium with a collection rate of around 25% or \$1,500,000. DOCR addressed the loss of special fund revenue of \$1.5 million by switching funding needs to general funds in SB 2015.

Courts: Section 5 removes the reimbursement of indigent defense costs and expenses resulting in a general fund

revenue reduction of \$340,000 per biennium. Section 6 removes the indigent defense application fee resulting in a \$310,000 per biennium reduction of revenues to the indigent defense administration fund. This fund is used for operations of the ND Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

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Courts: Section 5 removes the reimbursement of indigent defense costs and expenses resulting in a general fund revenue reduction of \$340,000 per biennium. Section 6 removes the indigent defense application fee resulting in a \$310,000 per biennium reduction of revenues to the indigent defense administration fund. This fund is used for operations of the ND Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents.

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

DOCR: Adults under supervision face many financial obligations due to their offense, including fines, court fees and costs, and restitution. The client/Parole Officer relationship could be improved if the parole officer and other office staff didn't have to remind the clients of their supervision fees each meeting. Having to discuss the financial obligation takes time away from addressing more pertinent issues such as substance use recovery, improving family relationships, employment, and skill building. As well, clients on parole and probation face huge obstacles funding and keeping stable employment that meets their financial needs.

Supervision fees may be added to the violation allegations at a revocation hearing, but they do not play a part in the reason officers are filing for revocation. These balances are referred to collections. Our collection rate is around 25% for supervision fees.

Necessary resources for the implementation: DOCR will need general funds for the loss of special fund collection to continue to pay for transport officer salaries. This was proposed in SB 2015.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

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Engrossed HB 1417 provides a general fund appropriation of \$310,000 to the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents to replace the lost revenue from the removal of the indigent defense application fee.

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