

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/27/2021**

Amendment to: SB 2233

- 1 A. **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.*

|                       | 2019-2021 Biennium |             | 2021-2023 Biennium |             | 2023-2025 Biennium |             |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                       | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| <b>Revenues</b>       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   |                    |             | \$13,500           |             | \$31,500           |             |
| <b>Appropriations</b> |                    |             | \$13,500           |             | \$31,500           |             |

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

|                         | 2019-2021 Biennium | 2021-2023 Biennium | 2023-2025 Biennium |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Counties</b>         |                    | \$9,450            | \$22,050           |
| <b>Cities</b>           |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>School Districts</b> |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Townships</b>        |                    |                    |                    |

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Engrossed SB 2233 creates a ND attorney recruitment program to serve rural counties and municipalities.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *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.*

The program would pay a \$45,000 incentive to an attorney who agrees to practice in a qualifying rural county or municipality. The incentive is to be paid in equal annual installments over a 5 year period. The incentive is to be paid by the county or municipality (35%), the State Bar Association or other legal association (15%) and the Supreme Court (50%). No more than 4 attorneys may participate in the program at any one time so the assumption was used that 1 attorney per year would be accepted into the program over the first 4 years.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Revenues would be received by the Supreme Court or designated committee from the county/municipality and State Bar Association/legal association for incentive payments.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expenditures incurred would be for the incentive payments.

- C. **Appropriations:** *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.*

Continuing appropriation authority was provided for the Supreme Court or designated committee to receive and expend funding for the incentive program.

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