

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Priola
 Sen. Newell

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Bill Status: House Judiciary
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN WITNESS FEES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund*	(\$17,300)	(\$17,300)
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

* The fiscal note does not include potential savings to the Department of Personnel Administration and the State Treasurer; it will be updated as more information becomes available.

Summary of Legislation

The bill eliminates the daily fee that witnesses receive for attending court. The current fees range from \$0.50 to \$2.50, depending upon the type of court.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2010-11, the bill reduces General Fund expenditures by \$17,300. This is the average annual amount that has been paid to witnesses over the past three years. In many instances, the witness fee is so small that the witnesses do not request reimbursement. Eliminating this fee also removes the administrative burden associated with paying witnesses; although, for most districts the burden is quite small and will not result in reduced staffing.

State Appropriations

In FY 2010-11, the Judicial Branch requires a General Fund reduction of \$17,300.

Departments Contacted

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