

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7453

BILL NUMBER: HB 1485

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Court Appointed Counsel for Certain Minors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Olthoff

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

It provides that courts are required to appoint counsel for eligible children with certain exceptions.

It provides that a county may seek reimbursement up to 100% for expenditures related to attorney services for eligible children.

It requires the Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys to: (1) establish certain guidelines for counties to be eligible for reimbursement from the public defense fund; and (2) make a report to the Legislative Council and Budget Committee not later than December 1, 2026, regarding the 100% reimbursement for attorney services provided to eligible children.

It also makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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