



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0127: Providing for attorney fees and costs in certain justifiable use of force cases

Primary Sponsor: Theresa Manzella Status: As Introduced

- Included in the Executive Budget
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Significant Local Gov Impact
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Technical Concerns
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Description of fiscal impact

SB 127 would require reimbursement of costs and attorney fees to defendants who successfully argue justifiable use of force. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Office of Public Defender (OPD)

- SB 127 appears to apply to costs directly incurred by individual defendants, not to costs incurred by OPD to represent indigent defendants.
- It is assumed the state would not receive any reimbursements from prosecution entities.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

- To the extent that a local prosecution costs were awarded per SB 127, the local government would be responsible for the cost of the payment.

Sponsor's Initials

1.20.25

Date

Budget Director's Initials

1/20/2025

Date