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Rep. Jennings,

Please find BIDS State Director Pat Scalia's response below to your question during the hearing of the cost to defend SL 9 crimes under the bill. It appears from her email each case is an average of \$1,044.

Please be advised that BIDS provided for the felony defense of 134 cases last fiscal year that would become misdemeanor offenses under the proposed legislation.

The cost to BIDS for the felony defense of those cases was \$140,000.

That cost would be saved to the state general fund through the proposed legislation since misdemeanor matters are defended by the county.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Should you need anything further, please let me know.

Scott Schultz Executive Director

