

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/18/2021

Bill/Resolution No.: 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
Revenues				\$13,500		\$31,500
Expenditures			\$13,500	\$13,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
Appropriations			\$13,500	\$13,500	\$31,500	\$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
Counties		\$9,450	\$22,050
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 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).*

This bill 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 an incentive to an attorney who agrees to practice in a qualifying rural county or municipality. The incentive is to be paid over a 5 year period based on 90% of the resident rate charged for tuition and fees by the University of North Dakota Law School at the time the attorney agrees to the terms of the program. Based on current tuition and fees charged per student an estimate of \$45,000 (\$50,000 x 90%) was used for the fiscal note. 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.

The assumption used for the fiscal note is that 90% of the total tuition and fees to attend three years of law school is repaid over 5 years as an incentive.

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.*

Either continuing appropriation authority for the recruitment assistance program fund will need to be added or additional appropriation authority will be necessary to receive and expend funds.

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