

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22329

Appropriates an additional \$212,600 to the Attorney General for State and Legal Services for fiscal year 2014; and authorizes an additional two full-time equivalent positions.

FISCAL NOTE

This is a trailer appropriation for S1080 that eliminated a conflict of interest that existed for county prosecutors. County prosecutors not only represented county elected officials when acting in their official capacity, but also had the responsibility to deal with matters of official maleficence. S1080 resolves this potential conflict of interest by transferring the preliminary investigation and prosecutorial review for county official misconduct to the Attorney General's Office. Following preliminary investigation and review, if the Attorney General recommends further investigation or prosecution, the county prosecutor is required to seek appointment of a special prosecutor. The Attorney General's Office could serve as a special prosecutor in such cases if requested.

This bill appropriates a total of \$212,600 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2014 to hire an additional deputy attorney general and investigator for this purpose.

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