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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Sharbini; Joseph Sen. Gonzales	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL CONTRACTS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill broadens who the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel may contract with when serving indigent persons. It does not impact the revenue or expenditures of any state or local agency, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC) provides legal representation to persons who are indigent by contracting with licensed attorneys and investigators. The bill broadens the type of professions the OADC is permitted to contract with to “legal services providers” and “contractors.” The bill also clarifies that the OADC establishes the contractor services fee.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill codifies the OADC’s current practice of contracting with legal service providers. The bill will not change hiring practices within the OADC or require additional staff. Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 3, 2023, and takes effect on August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

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