

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB899
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

SB 899 authorizes the Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System to reassign a case to another attorney if efficient management of the System’s resources justify reassignment. The measure increases the maximum allowable compensation for non-System attorneys representing clients in capital cases from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure increases the statutory maximum payments that are made to attorneys outside of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System (OIDS) without requiring the attorney to request extraordinary fees from the Board of Directors for work representing clients in capital cases. Officials from OIDS have concluded that although SB899 increases the statutory maximums a capital contracting attorney may invoice to the agency, the measure will not result in increased invoice amounts. The agency has only contracted with one attorney for this type of case since FY19. Given this infrequency, the agency will be able to absorb any increased costs due to the requirements of SB899 and there will be no impact to state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.