

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2284
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Impact:	All agencies: no impact

Research Analysis

HB2284, as introduced, requires training and continuing legal education provided to attorneys employed by a public defender's office to include nationally recognized defense seminars and evidence-based practices regarding behavioral health and treatment of defendants with substance abuse or mental health needs. The measure also requires training on the following subjects to be provided to members of the judiciary, district attorneys and assistant district attorneys:

- dynamics of domestic violence;
- the impact of domestic violence to victims and their children including victim trauma and the neurobiology of trauma;
- identifying dominant aggressors;
- tactics and behavior of batterers;
- victim protection orders and full faith and credit under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and
- rights of victims;

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Fiscal Analysis

The introduced version of HB 2284 which deals with specifying domestic violence training for the Indigent Defense Fund, the District Attorneys Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts, has no fiscal impact on the state as these entities already provide this training.

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Other Considerations

None.