

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See Analysis Below</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2085 prohibits an attorney from giving legal advise to a board or commission if the attorney is employed by a state governmental entity who has a voting member serving on that board or commission. The measure does provide an exception for attorneys who provide legal advice to any member acting as a judge for specific matters brought forth.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 2085 prohibits attorneys who are employed by an appropriated agency, board, commission, department, or other state government entity that has a voting member serving on a state board or commission from providing legal advice to any board or commission. As written, this measure may prevent attorneys employed by the Office of the Attorney General from providing legal advice to government entities that the Attorney General sits on the board or commission of. These government entities would then have to contract for outside legal counsel in order to fulfill having legal staff available; therefore, there is a potential increase in attorney fees paid by these government entities that would be unable to use attorneys employed by the Office of the Attorney General.

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**Other Considerations**

None.