

House File 243 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fees for attorneys appointed to provide
2 indigent defense.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 815.7, subsection 9, Code 2025, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 9. For appointments made on or after July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025,
4 the reasonable compensation shall be calculated on the basis of
5 ~~eighty-six~~ one hundred twenty-six dollars per hour for class "A"
6 felonies, ~~eighty-one~~ one hundred twenty-one dollars per hour for
7 class "B" felonies, and ~~seventy-six~~ one hundred sixteen dollars
8 per hour for all other cases.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to fees for attorneys appointed to provide
13 indigent defense.

14 The bill increases the rates paid to attorneys appointed by
15 the court to represent an indigent person. For an attorney
16 representing a defendant in a case involving a class "A" felony,
17 the rate is increased from \$86 per hour to \$126 per hour. For
18 attorneys representing a defendant in a case involving a class
19 "B" felony, the rate is increased from \$81 per hour to \$121 per
20 hour. All other cases are increased from \$76 per hour to \$116
21 per hour.