

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 727
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

C.S.S.B. 727 authorizes the comptroller to pay a single claim or an aggregate of claims by a single claimant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in relation to the payment of fees awarded to certain attorneys appointed by a court to represent indigent inmates in capital cases.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 403.074, Government Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (h), as follows:

(d) Provides an exception.

(h) Authorizes the comptroller to pay a single claim in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or an aggregate of claims by a single claimant during a biennium in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 to cover the fees awarded to an attorney appointed by a court under Section 26.051(g), Code of Criminal Procedure, to represent an indigent inmate in a capital case.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.