



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0302: Revising punitive damages laws and procedures

Primary Sponsor: Anthony Nicastro

Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget

☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts

☐ Technical Concerns

☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact

HB 302 requires an evidentiary hearing, if requested, when a motion to amend an initial pleading is made to include punitive damages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Judicial Branch

1. Section 1 (5) (c) (i) establishes a new hearing related to a motion to amend a civil pleading to assert a claim for punitive damages. A party may request an evidentiary hearing where evidence is presented by live testimony and subject to cross examination.
2. The Judicial Branch is unable to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation on judicial workload but anticipates the number of requested hearings to be minimal. The cumulative impact of this legislation may over time require additional judicial resources because generally court dockets are full throughout the state.

Department of Administration (DOA)

3. Tort claims brought against the state are immune from punitive damages. The bill has no fiscal impact to the DOA - Risk Management and Tort Defense.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

2/3/25



Budget Director's Initials

1/29/2025

Date

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR