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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6672**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 156**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 17, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Attorney's Fees Awarded to Attorney General.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates a fund to cover litigation expenses incurred by the Attorney General. The bill makes an appropriation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill clarifies current law related to the use of attorney fee's awarded to the state as a result of settlements or litigation in which the Office of the Attorney General provided counsel. The bill places fees awarded to the state into a dedicated, nonreverting fund. Money in the fund would be appropriated annually to the Attorney General to reimburse the Office for expenses incurred in settlements and litigation.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Attorney General's Office.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Jennifer Thuma, Legislative Counsel, Attorney General's Office, 233-6143.