MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 18, 2024

Alabama House of Representatives
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a message from the Governor returning House Bill 275 without the Governor's signature and with a proposed executive amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Parker, Jr.
General Counsel

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received House Bill 275 and believe that it should be amended. As enrolled and presented to me, House Bill 275 would increase rates paid to counsel for indigent individuals in many contexts, but it would decrease rates paid to counsel for indigent individuals who are the subject of involuntary commitment proceedings. I believe that the rate paid to such counsel should not be decreased.

For this reason, and at the request of the bill sponsor, I am returning House Bill 275 to you, the body in which it originated, without my signature and with the below executive amendment.

Executive Amendment to House Bill 275

Please amend House bill 275 as follows:

Replace line 178 on page 7 with the following:

(6) In appointments made pursuant to Section 22-11A-35 or Section 22-52-14, the rate shall be seventy dollars ($70) and the total fee shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500).

~~(6)~~ (7) In all other cases, the rate shall be fifty-five

Adoption of the above-proposed executive amendment will remove my objection to this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ivey
Governor