

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26263

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the State Appellate Public Defender. It appropriates \$2,948,100 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 24.00. For benefit costs, the bill removes \$1,450 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency. Inflationary adjustments include \$2,600 for communication costs, \$1,000 for professional services, \$5,500 for computer services, \$1,600 for rentals and operating leases, and \$1,800 for miscellaneous expenditures for a total of \$12,500. Funding for replacement items includes \$10,800 for eight computers and related software and hardware. For statewide cost allocation, no funding is provided, as risk management costs will decrease by \$200 and State Controller fees will increase by \$200, for a net change of zero. The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the agency head. The bill funds two line items, which provide 1.00 FTP and \$51,700 for a legal assistant; and \$5,000 for hearing travel costs.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	23.00	2,889,200	0	0	2,889,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(48,300)	0	0	(48,300)
FY 2019 Base	23.00	2,840,900	0	0	2,840,900
Benefit Costs	0.00	(32,800)	0	0	(32,800)
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	12,500	0	0	12,500
Replacement Items	0.00	10,800	0	0	10,800
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	0	0	0	0
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	60,000	0	0	60,000
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	23.00	2,891,400	0	0	2,891,400
1. Legal Assistant	1.00	51,700	0	0	51,700
2. Hearing Travel Costs	0.00	5,000	0	0	5,000
FY 2019 Total	24.00	2,948,100	0	0	2,948,100
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	1.00	58,900	0	0	58,900
% Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	4.3%	2.0%			2.0%

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