

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24734

This is a trailer appropriation bill that provides funding to the Public Defense Commission for costs associated with its expanded roles and responsibilities, as established by H504. This bill appropriates an additional \$5,482,800 to the Public Defense Commission for FY 2017 as follows: \$4,266,500 for formulaic grants to counties to offset the cost of compliance with indigent defense standards; \$550,000 to incentivize counties to merge their services and form joint public defender offices; \$250,000 for additional funding to counties for extraordinary litigation costs; and \$368,700 in personnel costs, \$34,200 in operating expenditures, \$13,400 in one-time capital outlay, and 4.50 FTP to the Public Defense Commission.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides an additional General Fund appropriation of \$5,482,800 to the Public Defense Commission for FY 2017. Of the total amount, \$13,400 is one-time.

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