2005 Session

Budget Bill - HB1500 (Introduced)

Virginia State Bar

Item 41	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Legal Defense (32700)	**$5,423,515**	**$5,423,515**
Indigent Defense, Criminal (32701)	$470,015	$470,015
Indigent Defense, Civil (32704)	$4,953,500	$4,953,500
Fund Sources:		
General	$2,145,015	$2,145,015
Special	$3,278,500	$3,278,500

Authority: § 17.1-278, Code of Virginia.

A. The Virginia State Bar and the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia shall not use funds provided for in this act, and those available from financial institutions pursuant to § 54.1-3916, Code of Virginia, to file lawsuits on behalf of aliens present in the United States in violation of law.

B. The amounts for Indigent Defense, Civil, include up to $50,000 the first year and up to $50,000 the second year from the general fund for the Community Tax Law Project, to provide indigent defense services in matters related to taxation disputes, and educational services involving the rights and responsibilities of taxpayers.

C. The Virginia State Bar and the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia shall annually, on or about January 1, provide a report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees regarding the status of legal services assistance programs in the Commonwealth. The report shall include, but not be limited to, efforts to maintain and improve the accuracy of caseload data, case opening and case closure information, and program activity levels as it relates to clients.