
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2021 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB1800 (Chapter 552)

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Indigent Defense Commission

| Item 48 | First Year - FY2021 | Second Year - FY2022 |
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| Legal Defense (32700) | \$61,249,487 \$58,400,443 | \$63,148,850 \$66,207,526 |
| Criminal Indigent Defense Services (32701) | \$53,908,026 \$51,058,982 | \$55,807,389 \$62,194,581 |
| Capital Indigent Defense Services (32702) | \$3,928,516 | \$3,928,516 \$0 |
| Legal Defense Regulatory Services (32703) | \$221,798 | \$221,798 |
| Administrative Services (32722) | \$3,191,147 | \$3,191,147 \$3,791,147 |
| Fund Sources: | | |
| General | \$61,237,507 \$58,388,463 | \$63,136,870 \$66,195,546 |
| Special | \$11,980 | \$11,980 |

Authority: §§ [19.2-163.01](#) through [19.2-163.8](#), Code of Virginia

A. Pursuant to § [19.2-163.01](#), Code of Virginia, the Executive Director of the Indigent Defense Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

B. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support two positions to enforce and monitor compliance with the new Standards of Practice for court-appointed counsel.

C. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$185,092 the first year and \$185,092 the second year from the general fund is included for the financing costs of purchasing computers through the state's master equipment lease purchase program.

D. Out of the amounts in this item, ~~\$3,798,726~~ 949,682 the first year and \$5,698,089 the second year from the general fund is provided to hire additional public defender positions to address increased workloads and reduce turnover in offices across the Commonwealth. The Commission may direct a portion of the funding for salary adjustments, including increasing starting salaries for attorneys and adjusting salaries for current staff to address turnover rates within the offices.