2021 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB1800 (Chapter 552)

Virginia State Bar

Item 50	First Year - FY2021	Second Year - FY2022
Legal Defense (32700)	~~**$16,921,912**~~ ***$15,421,912***	**$16,921,912**
Criminal Indigent Defense Services (32701)	$352,500	$352,500
Indigent Defense, Civil (32704)	~~$16,569,412~~ *$15,069,412*	$16,569,412
Fund Sources:		
General	~~$7,571,912~~ *$6,071,912*	$7,571,912
Special	$8,350,000	$8,350,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

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.1. The amounts for Indigent Defense, Civil, include up to $75,000 the first year and up to $75,000 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.

2. The amounts for Indigent Defense, Civil, include up to ~~$7,125,000~~ *5,625,000* the first year and up to $7,125,000 the second year from the general fund and $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year from nongeneral funds to provide grants for high quality civil legal assistance to low income Virginians and to promote equal access to justice.

3. The amounts for Indigent Defense, Criminal, include up to $352,500 the first year and up to $352,500 the second year from the general fund to provide grants to the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center for representation to people sentenced to death in Virginia and to promote equal access to justice.

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, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget 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.