2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Virginia State Bar

Item 42	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Legal Defense (32700)	**$18,578,003**	**$18,578,003**
Indigent Defense, Civil (32704)	$18,578,003	$18,578,003
Fund Sources:		
General	$9,228,003	$9,228,003
Special	$8,350,000	$8,350,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

Authority: § 17.1-278, Code of Virginia.

A.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 $9,131,100 the first year and up to $9,131,100 the second year from the general fund to provide grants for high quality civil legal assistance to low income Virginians and to promote equal access to justice.

B. The Virginia State Bar and the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia shall annually, on or about January 1, provide a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations 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.