
HOUSE BILL 1857

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1 AN ACT Relating to county public defense services; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 10.101 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.101 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, quarterly an amount
7 equivalent to one hundred dollars for each case for which an indigent
8 person is provided public defense services for a criminal matter in the
9 previous fiscal quarter statewide shall be transferred from the general
10 fund to the criminal public defense account, to be administered by the
11 director of the office of public defense.

12 (2) In carrying out the purposes of this section, all counties of
13 the state are eligible to participate in the distribution of the
14 proceeds of the criminal public defense account. The share coming to
15 each county shall be an amount equivalent to one hundred dollars for
16 each case for which an indigent person is provided public defense
17 services for a criminal matter at the expense of that county. Moneys
18 distributed under this section may only be used by counties for public
19 defense services.

1 (3) The criminal public defense account is created in the custody
2 of the state treasurer. All receipts from transfers or appropriations
3 must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
4 be used only for reimbursement to counties for public defense services
5 provided at county expense. Only the director of the office of public
6 defense established in chapter 2.70 RCW or the director's designee may
7 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
8 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
9 not required for expenditures.

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