

SB 5098 - DIGEST

Requires a county or city to: (1) Provide documentation that attorneys providing public defense services are in compliance with the state supreme court standards for indigent defense; and

(2) Collect hours billed for nonpublic defense legal services in the previous calendar year from each individual or organization that contracts to perform public defense services.

Requires the office of public defense to: (1) Annually determine the cost of public defense services based on an average of the actual expenditures for the services reported by counties and cities for the previous two years;

(2) Monitor trial level criminal public defense services to determine eligibility of counties and cities to receive state funds; and

(3) Establish policies for the distribution of appropriated funds to eligible counties and cities.

Requires counties and cities to annually provide information on the actual expenditures for public defense services to the office of public defense.