

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS

Omnibus Motion
[LFB Papers #315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 625, 626, and 627]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following items related to the District Attorneys and Public Defenders:

1. *Salary Adjustments and Pay Progression (Paper #316)*. Provide an hourly increase of \$8.76 per hour. Provide DA salary funding and pay progression totaling \$8,121,200 GPR in 2023-24 and \$10,225,700 GPR in 2024-25, and SPD salary funding and progression funding totaling \$8,148,600 GPR in 2023-24 and \$10,260,200 GPR in 2024-25. Funding for pay progression would be provided on a one-time basis. Specify that all assistant district attorneys and assistant state public defenders are eligible for salary increases and pay progression, notwithstanding the maximum salary levels specified in the 2021-23 compensation plan.

2. *District Attorney Compensation (Paper #317)*. Provide \$926,200 GPR in 2024-25 to increase the hourly compensation of elected district attorneys by \$8.76 in the first year and one-step in the second year.

3. *Additional GPR Prosecutor Positions (Paper #318)*. Provide \$167,700 GPR and 1.9 GPR positions in 2023-24 and \$319,600 GPR and 4.4 GPR positions in 2024-25 to provide additional ADAs. Specify that positions would be provided as follows: Langlade, 0.5 GPR in 2024-25; Oneida, 0.5 GPR in 2023-24; Ozaukee, 0.4 GPR in 2023-24; Kenosha, 2.0 GPR in 2024-25; and Sauk, 1.0 GPR in 2023-24.

4. *District Attorney Supplies and Services (Paper #319)*. Approve Alternative 2 to provide \$703,900 GPR annually to increased support for supplies and services costs of the District Attorneys.

5. *Programmatic Funding Realignment (Paper #625)*. Accept the transfer of funds (\$622,800 GPR annually) within the Public Defenders general operations appropriation from private bar to transcripts, discovery and interpreters.

6. *Private Bar Attorney Compensation (Paper #627)*. Approve Alternative 1 to provide \$8,797,200 GPR annually and modify current law to increase the rate at which private bar attorneys are compensated from \$70 per hour to \$100 per hour and from \$25 to \$50 per hour for travel. In addition, grant the SPD authority to modify rules to reflect the changes in the rate. The increase in hourly compensation would apply to cases assigned on or after July 1, 2023.

7. *Pilot CHIPS Extension (Page 480, #6)*. Provide an extension of the sunset date on the

pilot program to provide counsel for parents of a child subject to a Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceeding in five counties from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025. Modify current law to specify that the Department of Children and Families and the State Public Defender submit a report on the program to the Joint Committee on Finance and the Legislature by January 1, 2025, rather than by January 1, 2023.

Note:

[District Attorney Change to Base: \$8,992,800 GPR and 1.9 GPR positions in 2023-24, \$12,175,400 GPR and 4.4 GPR positions in 2024-25]

[Public Defender Change to Base: \$16,945,800 GPR in 2023-24 and \$19,057,400 GPR in 2024-25]