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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- Sum Sufficient Reestimate (Justice)

CURRENT LAW

The Department of Justice has a sum sufficient GPR appropriation to pay for the costs associated with special counsel appointed by the Governor to: (a) assist the Attorney General in any action or proceeding; (b) act instead of the Attorney General in any action or proceeding, if the Attorney General is in any way interested adversely to the state; (c) defend any action instituted by the Attorney General against any officer of the state; (d) institute and prosecute an action or proceeding which the Attorney General deems it the duty of the Attorney General to defend rather than prosecute; and (e) defend national guard members for acts performed while in the performance of military duty. Adjusted base funding for special prosecution costs is \$1,100,000 GPR.

GOVERNOR

No provision.

MODIFICATION

Reestimate the sum sufficient special counsel appropriation at \$850,000 annually.

Explanation: Based on actual 1999-00 and estimated 2000-01 special counsel expenditures and a DOA-directed change in the accounting of certain special counsel costs, it is estimated that the special counsel expenditures will be \$850,000 annually. This represents a decrease to the base and to the bill of \$250,000 annually.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>GPR</u>
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Base)	- \$500,000
<i>[Change to Bill]</i>	- \$500,000]

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