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### Programmatic Funding Realignment (Public Defender)

#### CURRENT LAW

Under 2017 Act 59, the SPD's GPR appropriations for the trial representation, appellate representation, private bar, salary adjustments, and discovery were combined into a single biennial appropriation. Base funding for each of these components is: (a) program operation \$3,112,600 GPR annually; (b) appellate representation \$5,241,600 GPR annually; (c) trial representation \$60,906,300 GPR annually; (d) private bar investigation reimbursements \$41,648,400 GPR annually; (e) private bar investigation pay administration \$735,100 GPR annually; and (f) transcripts, discovery and interpreter costs \$1,506,900 GPR annually.

#### MODIFICATION

Transfer funding annually within SPD's GPR program operation appropriation between private bar and investigator reimbursement (-\$622,800 GPR) and transcripts, discovery, and interpreter costs (\$622,800 GPR) in order to align budgeted funding with programmatic expenditures.

**Explanation:** The transfer reflects the actual expenditures of the SPD in 2021-22 and is expected to be ongoing. In the 2023-25 biennium, total, funding for transcripts, discovery and interpreter costs would be \$2,129,609 GPR annually, while private bar and investigator reimbursement would be \$41,025,691 GPR annually. These amounts would serve as base funding for the allocations in the 2025-27 biennium.

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