

HB 2687 - 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 the number and types of private cases from each individual or organization that contracts to perform public defense services; and

(2) Provide information on actual expenditures for the services to the office of public defense.

Requires the office of public defense to: (1) Determine the cost of public defense services, based on an average of expenditures for the services reported by counties and cities;

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

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

Requires the money for eligible counties and cities to be distributed by the office of public defense.

Provides the funds appropriated for the cost of public defense services in cities and counties and the manner in which they are appropriated.