

SB 5376 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/28/17)

Modifies indigent defense services provisions relating to: (1) Determining if a person is indigent or indigent and able to contribute; and

(2) Requiring a person receiving the appointment of counsel to sign an affidavit swearing under penalty of perjury that all income, assets, and living costs reported are complete and accurate.

Requires the office of public defense to: (1) Offer training for the offices and individuals designated by the courts as responsible for determining indigency; and

(2) Survey attorneys' fees statewide and publish the results to assist courts and their designees in identifying the usual and customary charges for retaining private counsel.