

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 409

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS; TO REQUIRE COUNTIES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING THE COST OF THE ANNUAL ATTORNEY'S LICENSE FEE FOR FULL-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND TO REQUIRE COUNTIES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING THE COST OF THE ANNUAL ATTORNEY'S LICENSE FEE FOR FULL-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-87-302(b)(1)(A), concerning the expenses that counties within a judicial district are responsible for paying in relation to public defenders, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A) The cost of facilities, equipment, supplies, and other office expenses necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the public defender's office, including without limitation the annual attorney's license fee for each full-time public defender.

