
OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Modifies the percentages of funds in the Indigent Defense Support Fund the State Public Defender may use for reimbursing county governments and for operating the State Public Defender Office.
- Removes the requirement that a sworn and notarized affidavit of indigency accompany the financial disclosure form for indigent defense.

Indigent Defense Support Fund

(R.C. 120.08)

The act modifies the allocation of money in the Indigent Defense Support Fund as follows:

(1) At least 83% (decreased from 88%) for reimbursing counties for expenses incurred for indigent defense; and

(2) No more than 17% (increased from 12%) for appointing assistant state public defenders, providing personnel, equipment, and facilities for the State Public Defender office, and providing training, developing and implementing electronic forms, or establishing and maintaining an information technology system.

Affidavit of indigency

(R.C. 120.33, 120.36, and 2941.51)

The act removes the requirement that a sworn and notarized affidavit of indigency accompany the financial disclosure form completed by an indigent person when seeking counsel for public defense.

