
Executive**PUBCD2 Distribution of the Indigent Defense Support Fund****R.C. 120.08**

(1) Modifies the distribution of the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0) by providing that at least 88% (rather than 90%) of the fund must be used to reimburse county governments and that not more than 12% (rather than 10%) may be used by the State Public Defender to appoint assistant public defenders or for providing other necessary personnel, equipment, and facilities.

(2) Expands the list of the State Public Defender's permissible uses of Fund 5DY0 to include providing training, developing and implementing electronic forms, or establishing and maintaining an information technology system.

Fiscal effect: This provision may reduce the reimbursement of counties for expenses related to the provision of indigent defense services by approximately \$1 million in FY 2013, and increase the funding available for administrative operations by a commensurate amount.

PUBCD3 Branch Office Funding**R.C. 120.08**

Allows the State Public Defender to use some of the money in the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0) that currently is used only to reimburse a county government for the purpose of operating the system under which the state provides legal representation to indigent persons pursuant to a contract between a board of county commissioners and the State Public Defender.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in the amount of GRF that might otherwise have been appropriated to fund certain contractual relationships between the State Public Defender and boards of county commissioners.

Executive

PUBCD4 Allocation of Funds from the Legal Aid Fund

R.C. *120.53*

Specifies that for the purpose of allocating financial assistance from the Ohio Legal Aid Fund (Fund 5740) to legal aid societies that the source of data for identifying the number of indigent persons residing in a county must be selected by the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation from the best available figures maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Fiscal effect: None.
