PUBLIC DEFENDER

Omnibus Motion [LFB Papers #485 to #487]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following provisions related to the State Public Defender's Office:

- 1. Block Grant Appropriation for Program Operations and Position Authority (Paper #485). Adopt the following provisions:
- a. Adopt alternative A1 which would approve the Governor's proposal to allow the SPD to request increased position authority within the general operations appropriation for GPR positions under a 14-day passive review.
- b. Adopt Alternative B2a which would approve the Governor's proposal to rename the program administration appropriation program operations, consolidate other SPD appropriations into the program operations appropriation, and delete the current appropriations, but also create appropriation accounts (multiple numerics) within the appropriation.
- 2. Private Bar Costs (Paper #486). Adopt Alternative 1 which would approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$3,404,100 GPR annually to the private bar appropriation.
- 3. Court Transcripts, Discovery, and Interpreter Funding (Paper #487). Adopt the following provisions:
- a. Adopt Alternative A1 which would approve the Governor's proposal to provide \$81,800 GPR annually to support payments for transcripts, discovery, and interpreters.
- b. Adopt Alternative B1 which would approve the Governor's proposal to modify current law to no longer allow compensation of a court reporter or clerk of circuit court for the cost of "handling" transcripts or court records.
- 4. Provide the State Public Defender (SPD) with \$1,280,300 GPR in 2017-18 and \$2,126,600 GPR in 2018-19 for pay progression for assistant state public defenders (ASPDs) who are eligible to receive a salary increase under the pay progression plan. Including funding previously provided by the Committee for ASPD pay progression, funding is intended to support a 5% average salary increase for ASPDs in 2017-18 and 2018-19 under the pay progression plan.

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Note:

Under a previous action taken by the Committee under paper #261 ("Pay Progression"), the Committee provided the SPD with a total of \$480,700 GPR in 2018-19 for pay progression (\$481,300 GPR minus \$600 GPR). This motion would provide the SPD with an additional \$1,280,300 GPR in 2017-18 and \$2,126,600 GPR in 2018-19 for pay progression. As a result, during the 2017-19 biennium, the SPD would have a total of \$1,280,300 GPR in 2017-18 and \$2,607,300 GPR in 2018-19 for pay progression.

Summary of Fiscal Effect

	Change to Base		Change to Bill	
	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	2018-19
Private Bar Costs (Paper #486) Court Transcripts, Discovery, and	\$3,404,100	\$3,404,100	\$0	\$0
Interpreter Funding (Paper #487)	81,800	81,800	0	0
Pay Progression	1,280,300	2,126,600	1,280,300	2,126,600
Total	\$4,766,200	\$5,612,500	\$1,280,300	\$2,126,600