

Public Defender Services Commission

PDS98500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	451	451	504	506	506	506	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	49,247,719	53,308,039	57,256,969	58,383,519	58,383,519	58,383,519	-
Other Expenses	1,561,619	1,616,948	1,565,163	1,589,903	1,589,903	1,589,903	-
Other Current Expenses							
Assigned Counsel	31,313,988	33,064,814	36,946,122	41,354,960	41,008,344	41,008,344	-
Expert Witnesses	2,575,600	2,775,601	2,775,604	2,775,604	3,122,220	3,122,220	-
Training And Education	119,747	119,737	119,748	119,748	119,748	119,748	-
Agency Total - General Fund	84,818,673	90,885,139	98,663,606	104,223,734	104,223,734	104,223,734	-

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Current Services

Transfer Funding to Support Expert Witnesses

Assigned Counsel	(346,616)	(346,616)	-
Expert Witnesses	346,616	346,616	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Section 201 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services. While increases were applied to various accounts to support this policy change, no funds were provided to the Expert Witnesses account.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$346,616 from Assigned Counsel to Expert Witnesses in FY 27 to support the eligibility threshold increase.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	104,223,734	104,223,734	-
Current Services	-	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	104,223,734	104,223,734	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	506	506	-
Total Recommended - GF	506	506	-