

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed
prior to this session of the General Assembly.
Act 190 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1524

5 By: Representative Edwards
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTY
10 PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTY
13 PUBLIC DEFENDERS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-301(e), concerning fees for the
20 Arkansas Public Defender Commission, is amended to read as follows:

21 (e)(1) In addition to the premiums, compensation, and fees allowed in
22 subsections (a) and (d) of this section, ~~beginning July 1, 2003,~~ each bail
23 bond company shall charge and collect twenty dollars (\$20.00) as a
24 nonrefundable fee for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

25 (2) All fees collected shall be forwarded to the commission for
26 deposit ~~in~~ into the Public Defender User Fee Fund.

27 (3)(A) The commission shall deposit the money collected into the
28 existing account within the State Central Services Fund entitled "Public
29 Defender User Fees".

30 (B)(i) Three dollars (\$3.00) of each fee collected under
31 this section shall be remitted to each county in the state to defray the
32 operating expenses of each county's public defender office.

33 (ii) The commission shall remit quarterly to each
34 county treasurer the county's portion of the fee collected under this section
35 using the formula for the County Aid Fund under § 19-5-602.



1 (4) The fees collected by the bail bond companies required under
2 this subsection shall be reported and filed with the commission quarterly.

3 (5) A notarized annual reconciliation of all fees collected in
4 the preceding calendar year shall be filed by each bail bond company by
5 February 15 on forms provided by the commission.

6 (6) In addition to the bail or appearance bond premium or
7 compensation allowed under this section and § 17-19-111, each licensed
8 professional bail bond company shall charge and collect a processing fee of
9 three dollars (\$3.00) on each bail bond in order to defray the surety's costs
10 incurred by the quarterly and annual reports to the commission and to further
11 defray the surety's costs incurred in the collection of all fees due owing
12 and collected on behalf of the commission.

13 (7) The commission may pursue any appropriate legal remedy for
14 the collection of any delinquent fees owed under this subsection.

15 (8) Upon collection of any fees and penalties, the commission
16 shall deposit all fees and penalties directly into the Public Defender User
17 Fees account within the State Central Services Fund.

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