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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2207

5 By: Representative Wright  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND  
9 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

10 AN ACT REGARDING THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC  
11 DEFENDERS.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-87-302(b), concerning the funding of  
16 public defenders, is amended to read as follows:  
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18 (b) Each county or counties within a judicial district shall be  
19 responsible for the payment of the following:  
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21 (1)(A) The cost of facilities, equipment, supplies, and other  
22 office expenses necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the  
23 public defender's office.  
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25 (B) Funding for these expenditures may be from:

26 (i) A county administration of justice fund;

27 (ii) A county's general fund;

28 (iii) A county's public defender fund;

29 (iv) A county's indigent defense fund;

30 (v) A county's public defender investigator fund; or

31 (vi) Any other fund authorized by law for that

32 purpose.

33 (C) These expenditures shall comply with an itemized,  
34 line-item budget appropriated by the quorum court; and

35 (2) The compensation of additional personnel within the office  
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1 of the public defender, when approved in advance by the quorum court.

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