

0324 – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 2021

LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Public Defender Commission was created to address a variety of concerns relating to the representation of indigent criminal defendants in Arkansas.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2019-2020	2020-2021
		Authorized	Legislative
1VA	Ombudsman Program	\$74,892	\$74,892
337	Public Defender-Operations	\$2,985,443	\$2,986,922
530	Public Defender -Trial Office	\$24,250,436	\$24,257,705
X66	Commission for Parent Counsel	\$3,142,156	\$3,142,279
Total		\$30,452,927	\$30,461,798

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	8.74
State Central Services	4000035	66.65
Bail Bond Fees	4000115	3.97
State Administration of Justice	4000470	15.38
Transfer from DHS-DYS	4000515	0.18
User / Attorney Fees	4000725	5.08
		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Public Defender-Operations (Appropriation 337)

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,366,875	\$1,368,075	\$1,200
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$414,230	\$414,509	\$279
Total		\$2,985,443	\$2,986,922	\$1,479

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.

Public Defender -Trial Office (Appropriation 530)

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$16,643,709	\$16,649,510	\$5,801
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$5,121,471	\$5,121,965	\$494
Total		\$24,250,436	\$24,256,731	\$6,295

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.

Commission for Parent Counsel (Appropriation X66)

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$457,441	\$457,541	\$100
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$139,484	\$139,507	\$23
5110014	Refunds/Reimbursements	\$1,870,231	\$0	(\$1,870,231)
5900046	Parent Counsel Reimbursements	\$0	\$1,870,231	\$1,870,231
Total		\$3,142,156	\$3,142,279	\$123

- Moved from Administrative Office of the Courts

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2021: 276

Total Authorized Positions FY2020: 276

Increase / (Decrease):

Extra Help Positions FY2021: 20

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No changes