

**0324 – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

**FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**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	2021-2022
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
1VA	Ombudsman Program	\$61,569	\$74,892	\$75,252
337	Public Defender-Operations	\$2,979,870	\$2,986,922	\$3,093,239
530	Public Defender -Trial Office	\$22,961,190	\$24,257,705	\$25,903,108
X66	Commission for Parent Counsel	\$3,068,183	\$3,142,156	\$3,183,156
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,070,812</b>	<b>\$30,461,675</b>	<b>\$32,254,755</b>

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Funding Sources		2019-2020 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$3,767,450	11.60
State Central Services	4000035	\$23,578,053	72.58
Bail Bond Fees	4000115	\$899,269	2.77
Transfer from DHS-DYS	4000515	\$61,569	0.19
Transfer State Admn of Justice	4000570	\$3,022,262	9.30
User / Attorney Fees	4000725	\$1,158,688	3.57
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$32,487,291</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Excess Appropriation/(Funding)</b>		<b>(\$3,416,479)</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$29,070,812</b>	

**CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**Ombudsman Program (Appropriation 1VA)**

Commitment Item		2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$18,207	\$18,567	\$360
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$18,207</b>	<b>\$18,567</b>	<b>\$360</b>

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

**Public Defender-Operations (Appropriation 337)**

Commitment Item		2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,368,075	\$1,449,507	\$81,432
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$414,509	\$439,394	\$24,885
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,782,584</b>	<b>\$1,888,901</b>	<b>\$106,317</b>

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

**Public Defender -Trial Office (Appropriation 530)**

Commitment Item		2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$16,649,609	\$17,908,945	\$1,259,336
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$5,122,840	\$5,508,907	\$386,067
<b>Total</b>		\$21,772,449	\$23,417,852	\$1,645,403

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

**Commission for Parent Counsel (Appropriation X66)**

Commitment Item		2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$457,441	\$467,476	\$10,035
5010001	Extra Help	\$630,000	\$310,000	(\$320,000)
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$139,484	\$170,449	\$30,965
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
5110014	Refunds/Reimbursements	\$1,870,231	\$2,160,231	\$290,000
<b>Total</b>		\$3,117,156	\$3,158,156	\$41,000

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.
- Reallocated Extra Help Line to Operating Expenses and Refunds/Reimbursements, to Operating Expenses for mileage reimbursements for Extra Help attorneys and to Refunds/Reimbursements for costs of hiring lawyers to defend parents.

**POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY20221: 278

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Increase / (Decrease): 2

Extra Help Positions FY2022: 20

**SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS**

No changes