

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.

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

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1524

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

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

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13 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTY  
14 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.

36 (4) The fees collected by the bail bond companies required under



1 this subsection shall be reported and filed with the commission quarterly.

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

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

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

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

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