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A Bill

SENATE BILL 409

5 By: Senator C. Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
10 DEFENDERS; TO REQUIRE COUNTIES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 COVERING THE COST OF THE ANNUAL ATTORNEY’S LICENSE
12 FEE FOR FULL-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING THE COST
19 OF THE ANNUAL ATTORNEY’S LICENSE FEE FOR
20 FULL-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDERS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-87-302(b)(1)(A), concerning the expenses
27 that counties within a judicial district are responsible for paying in
28 relation to public defenders, is amended to read as follows:

29 (1)(A) The cost of facilities, equipment, supplies, and other
30 office expenses necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the
31 public defender’s office, including without limitation the annual attorney’s
32 license fee for each full-time public defender.
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