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Agency Technical Option Submission

Public Defender Services Commission

Signed (Agency Head)	Title	Date
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Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	FY 2019 Amount	FY 2020 Amount
11000 - General Fund				
	0	Provide Funding for Assigned Counsel Rate Equity	900,000	0
		Provide Funding for Interest of Justice Assignments	500,000	0
		Provide Funding for Key Public Defender Office Staffing	546,205	0
	Total		1,946,205	0
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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

999 - Miscellaneous/Other - Other

Agency Title:

Provide Funding for Assigned Counsel Rate Equity

Agency Description:

This option includes a rate increase for public defender assigned counsel. This includes an increase of the criminal flat rate from \$350 to \$500 per case, which brings the flat rate compensation in line to what child protection attorneys are currently receiving. A break-down of the rate increase is below:

Flat Rate Increase \$ 900,000

It makes sense to have the compensation rates in line with the case demands and to ensure that the rates are as fair and equitable as possible. For example, if a client has a child protection case and a delinquency matter consolidated are paid a different rate for the same matter.

In addition, it has been over six years since the hourly and flat rates have been increased for this work.

Agency Priority:

0

System ID:

8402

SID	Agency 2019
Financials	
12076 - Assigned Counsel - Criminal	900,000
Total Financials	900,000

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: 999 - Miscellaneous/Other - Other

Agency Title: Provide Funding for Interest of Justice Assignments

Agency Description: The Division of Public Defender Services is required to provide counsel in an increasing number of child protection cases for all children, indigent parents and for any party where the court orders counsel 'in the interest of justice' (IOJ). The Division has no control over the number of cases the Agency receives from the courts and is required to provide representation as a 'core' function. The Agency is requesting \$500,000 to provide funding for these court appointed cases.

Agency Priority: 0

System ID: 8398

SID	Agency 2019
Financials	
10020 - Other Expenses	0
12076 - Assigned Counsel - Criminal	500,000
Total Financials	500,000

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Agency Title:

Agency Description:

Agency Priority:

System ID:

SID	Agency 2019
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	506,205
10020 - Other Expenses	40,000
Total Financials	546,205