



2026 Legislative Review

Indigent Defense Commission
March 19 2026

Appropriations

3 IDC REQUESTS



GRANTS

\$700,000 Ongoing

This was a continuation of original funding increase in FY24



APPEALS

\$875,000 Ongoing

Requested 1.7M to bring staffing levels up to date. Governor's Budget scaled over two years.



COMPENSATION

FY26 \$233,500

To correct for shortage due to COLA, other increases

What we got



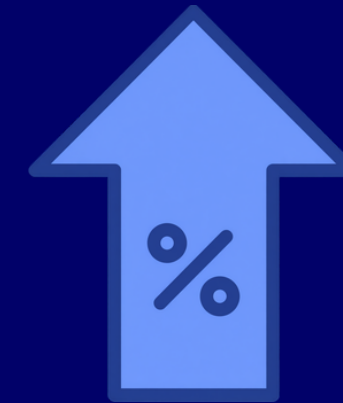
GRANTS

- \$700,000 One-Time
- Grants can continue
- Need to renew next year



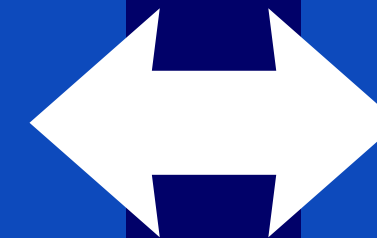
APPEALS

- Not Awarded
- Backlog will increase
 - Unacceptable wait times



COMPENSATION

- FY26 Awarded
- Moved to Appeals
 - Will help with conflict cases



Strategy going forward



Identify Advocates in the House



Focus on EAC/Leadership



Enlist Local Partners



Grant Policy Modification

CURRENT PRACTICE



Renewals unless monitoring
issue

Funding returns to pool

PROPOSAL



System Identifies

Presumption that funds remain

- Encourages internal review
- More responsive to local needs

Legislative Highlights

HB 274

- Added members to Sentencing Commission - additional sheriff, prosecutor, and chief
- Removes juvenile defender/prosecutor seats
- Add rural practitioners

HB 495

- Adds mandatory inquiry into intellectual disability
- Sets timelines for competency claims
- Fast tracks appellate review
- Moves IAC claims to post-conviction

HB 94

- Allows credit from treatment costs towards fines and fees
- Allows for community service towards fines and fees

SJR 1

- Allows admission of prior bad acts to prove propensity in sexual assault cases
- Previously limited to sexual assaults involving children

SB 134

- Adds 2 Supreme Court Justices
- 2 Court of Appeals Judges
- 3 District Court Judges
 - Third
 - Fourth
 - Fifth

SB 323

- Creates the Department of Criminal Justice
- IDC falls within department
- No substantive changes to IDC's structure, operations