

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INDIGENT DEFENSE: Provides relative to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Public Defender Board

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:147(B)(17) through (19), relative to the Louisiana Public Defender Board;  
3 to provide relative to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board; to provide  
4 relative to the supervision of staff; to provide relative to the adoption of procedures  
5 necessary for the review and preservation of materials; to provide relative to the  
6 decisionmaking process of the board; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:147(B)(17) through (19) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §147. Powers, duties, responsibilities

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11 B. In addition to the powers and duties provided for in Subsection A of this  
12 Section, the board shall:

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14 (17) Supervise the activities of staff and apply reasonable controls for the  
15 supervision of spending, accounting, and discretionary grants. The board shall seek  
16 the assistance of the legislative auditor or a private company to ensure that staff  
17 discretion is subject to supervision consistent with the Louisiana Local Government  
18 Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq. The board's supervision shall include reviewing  
19 details regarding expert witness funds or other case-specific grants, including the  
20 confidential work product of attorneys in litigation, compensation, and records



- (3) Adopt necessary procedures to protect the strategic choices and confidential work product of the board when considering important matters of spending.

(Adds R.S. 15:147(B)(17)-(19))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Expand the attorney-client privilege that applies to counsel in cases to apply to all board members and staff for the review of case details.