

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

INDIGENT DEFENSE: Provides relative to the disbursement of funds to district offices from the La. Public Defender Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:167(E), relative to the Louisiana Public Defender Board; to
3 provide relative to the Louisiana Public Defender Fund; to provide relative to the
4 disbursement of certain monies by the Louisiana Public Defender Board to district
5 defender offices; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:167(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §167. Louisiana Public Defender Fund

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10 E. ~~The~~ By no later than August fifteenth of each fiscal year, the board shall
11 dedicate and disburse at least sixty-five percent of the entirety of its annual budget
12 and its funds in the Louisiana Public Defender Fund as defined in Subsection A of
13 this Section each fiscal year to the district defender offices and their indigent
14 defender funds as defined in R.S. 15:168(A) in the various judicial districts
15 throughout the state. Any funds disbursed to any district defender office shall be
16 paid in addition to the minimum mandatory sixty-five percent of dedicated and
17 disbursed funds required in this Subsection. The provisions of this Subsection shall
18 not apply to statutorily dedicated funds or funds received through the awarding of
19 grants.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires funds dedicated each fiscal year by the La. Public Defender Board to the indigent defender funds for each district defender office throughout the state to be disbursed no later than August 15th of each fiscal year.

Present law provides for the creation of the Louisiana Public Defender Fund and provides that the La. Public Defender Board shall dedicate and disburse at least 65% of its annual budget and its funds in the La. Public Defender Fund each fiscal year to the district defender offices and their indigent defender funds in the various judicial districts throughout the state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that such dedication and disbursement shall be made by August 15th of each fiscal year.

(Amends R.S. 15:167(E))