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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 26-0923.01 Owen Hatch x2698

HOUSE BILL 26-1385

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING DIRECTING ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FUNDING FOR
102 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PROSECUTOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
103 SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TO THE
104 OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. For state fiscal year 2026-27, the public defender and prosecutor behavioral health support program allocation split is altered to direct 100% of the program's funds to the office of the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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state public defender.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The Colorado district attorneys' council has sufficient unspent
5 funds available from prior appropriations to administer the behavioral
6 health support grant program in state fiscal year 2026-27; and

7 (b) It is therefore reasonable not to direct additional funds to the
8 Colorado district attorneys' council for this purpose for the 2026-27 fiscal
9 year.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3502, **add**
11 (1)(c) as follows:

12 **24-32-3502. Public defender and prosecutor behavioral health**
13 **support program - policies - report - fund - repeal.**

14 (1)(c)(I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION,
15 FOR THE 2026-27 STATE FISCAL YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE
16 ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM
17 AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT
18 FOR THE PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

19 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER
20 31, 2027.

21 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25 institutions.