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Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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.**

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**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.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
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HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 9, 2026

state public defender.

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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.