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## OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

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### Reimbursement for indigent defense

(R.C. 120.34; Section 371.10)

The act caps county reimbursements for indigent defense at an hourly rate to be established by the General Assembly. For FYs 2024 and 2025, the act caps the hourly rate at \$75 per hour. It states that the intent of the General Assembly is to stabilize costs while allowing the Task Force to Study Indigent Defense, established in H.B. 150 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, to issue its report.

### Trumbull County: County Share Fund

(R.C. 120.04)

The act eliminates the requirement that funds received by the State Public Defender as a result of a contract with Trumbull County be credited to the Trumbull County: County Share Fund. The money instead will go to the Multicounty: County Share Fund.