

H. B. No. 96
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In the table on line 103440, in row D, delete "\$2,446,170" and 1
insert "\$2,946,170" 2

In the table on line 103440, in rows H and Q, add \$500,000 to fiscal 3
year 2026 4

After line 103459, insert: 5

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 070402, Performance Audits, up 6
to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to conduct a performance 7
audit of indigent defense services within Ohio. The performance audit 8
shall review the challenges of the delivery of indigent defense services, 9
including, but not limited to, the costs, accounting, and payment 10
processes of the Office of the Public Defender and at least five counties 11
that represent each of the various indigent defense delivery methods in 12
the state. The audit shall be completed and a report submitted to the 13
President and Minority Leader of the Senate and to the Speaker and 14
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives not later than August 1, 15
2026." 16

In the table on line 108572, in row E, delete "\$173,719,360 17
\$178,930,940" and insert "\$216,719,360 \$228,930,940" 18

In the table on line 108572, in rows F and W, add \$43,000,000 to 19



fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 20

In line 108591, delete everything after the period 21

Delete lines 108592 through 108596 22

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 23

Auditor of State 24

Sections 223.10 and 223.20 25

Increases GRF ALI 070402, Performance Audits, by \$500,000 26

in FY 2026 and earmarks the increase to conduct a performance 27

audit of indigent defense services within Ohio. 28

Requires the Auditor of State to review the challenges of 29

the delivery of indigent defense services, including, but not 30

limited to the costs, accounting, and payment processes of the 31

Office of the Ohio Public Defender and at least five counties 32

that represent each of the various indigent defense delivery 33

methods in the state. 34

Requires the audit to be completed and a report submitted 35

to the President and Minority Leader of the Senate and to the 36

Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives by 37

August 1, 2026. 38

Public Defender Commission 39

Sections 371.10 and 371.20 40

Increases GRF ALI 019501, County Reimbursement, by 41

Legislative Service Commission

\$43,000,000 in FY 2026 and \$50,000,000 in FY 2027 and removes	42
language regarding capping reimbursement rates to counties for	43
providing legal services to indigent persons.	44