

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

### **Senate Bill 825**

BY SENATORS SMITH (MR. PRESIDENT) AND WOELFEL

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Passed March 12, 2026; in effect from passage]



1 AN ACT supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury  
2 from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State  
3 Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Administration, Public Defender Services,  
4 fund 0226, fiscal year 2026, organization 0221, by adding new items of appropriation for  
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

1 WHEREAS, The Governor submitted the Executive Budget Document to the Legislature  
2 on January 14, 2026, containing a statement of the State Fund, General Revenue, setting forth  
3 therein the cash balance as of July 1, 2025, and further included the estimate of revenue for the  
4 fiscal year 2026, less net appropriation balances forwarded and regular and surplus  
5 appropriations for the fiscal year 2026, and further included recommended expirations to the  
6 unappropriated surplus balance of the State Fund, General Revenue; and

7 WHEREAS, It appears from the Governor's Statement of the State Fund, General  
8 Revenue, there now remains an unappropriated surplus balance in the Treasury which is  
9 available for appropriation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; therefore

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to fund 0226, fiscal  
2 year 2026, organization 0221, be supplemented and amended by adding new items of  
3 appropriation as follows:

4 **TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.**

1 **Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.**

1 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

2 *27 - Public Defender Services*

3 *(W.V. Code Chapter 29)*

4 *Fund 0226 FY 2026 Org 0221*

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| 5 |  |                 | <b>General</b> |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------|
| 6 |  | <b>Appro-</b>   | <b>Revenue</b> |
| 7 |  | <b>priation</b> | <b>Fund</b>    |
| 8 | 6a Public Defender Corporations – Surplus (R)..... | 35299           | 2,600,000      |
| 9 | 7a Appointed Counsel Fees – Surplus (R) .....      | 43500           | 15,000,000     |

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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The within is ..... this the.....  
Day of ....., 2026.

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*Governor*