

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 825

BY SENATORS SMITH (MR. PRESIDENT) AND WOELFEL

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Introduced February 9, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL 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 | | | General |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------|
| 6 | | Appro- | Revenue |
| 7 | | priation | Fund |
| 8 | 6a Public Defender Corporations – Surplus (R)..... | 35299 | 2,600,000 |
| 9 | 7a Appointed Counsel Fees – Surplus (R) | 43500 | 15,000,000 |