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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2207

5 By: Representative Wright
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS; AND
9 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT REGARDING THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC
13 DEFENDERS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-87-302(b), concerning the funding of
20 public defenders, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b) Each county or counties within a judicial district shall be
22 responsible for the payment of the following:

23 (1) (A) The cost of facilities, equipment, supplies, and other
24 office expenses necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the
25 public defender's office.

26 (B) Funding for these expenditures may be from a:

27 (i) County's general fund;

28 (ii) Public defender fund;

29 (iii) Indigent defense fund;

30 (iv) Public defender investigator fund; or

31 (v) Other fund authorized by law for that purpose.

32 (C) These expenditures shall comply with an itemized,
33 line-item budget appropriated by the quorum court; and

34 (2) The compensation of additional personnel within the office
35 of the public defender, when approved in advance by the quorum court.
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