

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 6: Public Defense Services Commission Juvenile Appellate Section

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Sollman

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$259,969 General Fund and authorizing the establishment of one permanent full-time Senior Deputy Defender position (0.58 FTE) for the Public Defense Services Commission, Appellate Division, Juvenile Appellate Section, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session to address caseload growth.

The Juvenile Appellate Section provides representation to financially eligible parents on direct appeal from juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings, and to youth on direct appeal from juvenile delinquency proceedings. The section is experiencing routine caseload growth for the 2021-23 biennium, which can be managed by the addition of one Senior Deputy Defender position.

The 2023-25 cost of the position would total \$445,658 General Fund and one position and 1.00 FTE.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.