

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 13: Public Defense Commission Assignment Coordinators

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board authorize the establishment of two limited duration positions (0.66 FTE) for the Public Defense Commission in the Compliance, Audit, and Performance Division to act as Assignment Coordinators for the unrepresented defendant/persons crisis.

The Commission currently has two Assignment Coordinator positions, which work to acquire a public defender for defendants/persons on the unrepresented list, handling between 100 to 250 cases per month. Funding and position authority for two additional Assignment Coordinators is requested to provide additional capacity, allowing the Commission to assign a region of the state to each of the four coordinators.

However, the Commission has sufficient funding within its existing budget for the two new positions through the remainder of the biennium, therefore the only required Emergency Board action is the authorization of the positions and FTE.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.