

**815.11 Appropriations for indigent defense — fund created.**

1. Costs incurred for legal representation by a court-appointed attorney under [chapter 229A](#), [665](#), [822](#), or [908](#), or [section 232.141, subsection 3](#), paragraph “d”, or [section 598.23A](#), [600A.6B](#), [814.9](#), [814.10](#), [814.11](#), [815.4](#), [815.7](#), or [815.10](#), or for payment of the services of a court-appointed guardian ad litem under [section 600A.6C, subsection 3](#), on behalf of an indigent shall be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly to the office of the state public defender in the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing and deposited in an account to be known as the indigent defense fund, except as provided in [subsection 2](#). Costs incurred representing an indigent defendant in a contempt action, representing an indigent juvenile in a juvenile court proceeding, or representing a person pursuant to [section 13B.13](#) are also payable from the fund. However, costs incurred in any administrative proceeding or in any other proceeding under [this chapter](#) or [chapter 598](#), [600](#), [600A](#), [633](#), [633A](#), [814](#), or [915](#) or other provisions of the Code or administrative rules are not payable from the fund.

2. The costs and fees associated with translators, foreign language interpreters, and sign language interpreters are not payable from this fund. The costs and fees of sign language interpreters shall be paid by the county pursuant to [section 622B.7](#), and the costs and fees of translators and foreign language interpreters shall be paid pursuant to [section 622A.3](#) from moneys appropriated by the general assembly to the judicial branch revolving fund created pursuant to [section 602.1302, subsection 3](#).

[83 Acts, ch 186, §10139, 10201](#); [85 Acts, ch 195, §65](#); [90 Acts, ch 1233, §45](#); [94 Acts, ch 1187, §25](#); [98 Acts, ch 1171, §18](#); [99 Acts, ch 135, §29](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1115, §8](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1067, §18](#); [2003 Acts, ch 51, §5](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1040, §6](#); [2005 Acts, ch 107, §9, 14](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1030, §82](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1041, §8](#); [2007 Acts, ch 22, §106](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1061, §8](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1040, §2](#); [2021 Acts, ch 77, §21](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2040](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1112, §4](#)

Referred to in [§13B.1](#), [13B.4A](#), [22.7\(10\)](#), [232.141](#), [600A.6B](#), [600A.6C](#), [815.7A](#), [815.15](#)