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FY 2026 REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS — STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Reallocation Notice. The Legislative Services Agency was notified on August 27, 2026, by the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) of a total reallocation of \$1.2 million from the Indigent Defense Fund to the Office of the State Public Defender for FY 2026. Iowa Code section [13B.4](#)(7) permits the SPD to reallocate appropriations within the Department.

Funds Available for Reallocation. The Department had funds available for transfer from the Indigent Defense Fund due to the appropriation in FY 2026 exceeding the amount paid in contract attorneys claims. The reallocation to the Office of the State Public Defender supports increased operating costs, including personnel and information technology (IT) expenses.

FY 2026 Reallocation. Figure 1 below details the FY 2026 reallocations provided in the notice:

Figure 1 — FY 2026 Reallocation of General Fund Appropriations

Appropriation	FY 2026 Approp	Transferred	Received	Total
Indigent Defense Fund	\$ 42,726,374	\$ 1,181,940	\$ 0	\$ 41,544,434
State Public Defender	35,527,894	0	1,181,940	36,709,834
Total	\$ 78,254,268	\$1,181,940	\$ 1,181,940	\$ 78,254,268

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