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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2162)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 589)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 24, 2022)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the appointment of counsel for indigent
2 persons by the court in certain cases.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 2516

1 Section 1. Section 815.10, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. An indigent person is entitled to the appointment of
4 one attorney in all cases, except ~~that~~ the court may appoint
5 two attorneys in class "A" felony cases ~~the court may appoint~~
6 ~~two attorneys~~ and in cases where an assistant state public
7 defender from the wrongful convictions division of the office
8 of the state public defender enters an appearance after a
9 private attorney has been appointed to represent the indigent
10 person. However, in a class "A" felony case, a person who is
11 represented by a privately retained attorney or by an attorney
12 who has agreed to represent the person is not entitled to have
13 an attorney appointed to represent the person based upon the
14 indigence of the person.