HOUSE FILE 2516
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2162)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 589)

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

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

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

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

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