The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

SB 219 Reengrossed 2022 Regular Session Jackson

Proposed law authorizes judicial districts to accumulate funds for the purposes of retaining expert witnesses, and provides that the district public defender, in his discretion, will determine how payments will be administered and which experts will be paid.

Proposed law allows a person who has retained private counsel, but is found to be indigent, to apply for funds for expert witnesses in the same manner as public defender clients.

Proposed law prohibits court jurisdiction over the payment of funds, administered by the Louisiana Public Defender Board or district public defender, for expert witnesses.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 15:168(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds a provision prohibiting court jurisdiction to order the payment of funds for expert witnesses from funds administered by the Louisiana Public Defender Board or district public defender.