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Subject: RE: Follow-Up on Investigative FTEs (Decision Package 1719)

It will likely be a couple more weeks before the Governor makes final decisions on the budget, but yes - if this request is funded, we would establish it as a distinct Special Item. Here's a first pass at a proviso to control these funds, for your consideration. Thanks.

CLS

(A) The funds appropriated for "Investigators" shall be used by the Commission on Indigent Defense ("Commission") to establish or improve investigative support for public defenders in unserved or underserved judicial circuits. The Commission shall make allocations to judicial circuits based upon guidelines it develops that must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Funding must be prioritized for circuits with no full-time investigative staff as of July 1, 2014;
- (2) All state funds must be matched by an equal or greater amount of local funds; and
- (3) In order for an allocation to be made to a judicial circuit, each county in that circuit must contribute to the local match.

(B) No later than December 1, 2014, the Commission shall report to the Chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on the guidelines used to allocate these funds, the anticipated allocations to be made in the current fiscal year, and the amount of local match that these allocations are expected to leverage.

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Chris,
Yes, the \$325,000 would be the cost. If the Governor is going to recommend this amount we would like for it to be a separate line item identified for investigators, to be distributed by the Commission. What I want to do is work it into an incentive program whereby the Commission would offer -- with priority to the counties within each of the 6 circuits identified in your email -- \$20,000 if the county will match it, to achieve the \$40,000. This way I hope we can get more counties contributing into the public defense within the county, as well as double the \$325,000 for investigator hiring. The Commission would oversee this arrangement and set the policies and standards for applying for and

receiving the funds. What do you think? I want to leverage it as much as possible, and this seems to me to be one way to bring the counties closer to the table. Let me know your thoughts.

Patton

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Patton,

When we met in October to discuss your FY 2014-15 budget request, you left behind a sheet that provided a breakdown of the current number of investigative FTEs for each circuit. Your request was to establish floor support for 2 FTEs per circuit: 16 FTEs at \$50,000 each, for a total of \$800,000.

We're taking a look at what it would take to get to 1 FTE per circuit. Working off your sheet, our interpretation was that six circuits (#3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10) have no investigators and one circuit (#1) has a half-time equivalent of an investigator, so we'd need 6.5 investigators at a total cost of \$325,000. This action would directly benefit the 22 counties falling within those 7 circuits.

Is this interpretation correct? Thanks.

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