

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To amend Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legal defense for indigents, so as to amend the state salary of circuit public defenders; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legal defense for indigents, is amended by striking paragraph (a) of Code Section 17-12-25, relating to state salary of circuit public defenders, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“17-12-25.

(a) Each circuit public defender shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$87,593.58~~ equal to 90% of the state salary for each district attorney and cost-of-living adjustments as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government from state funds;”

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.