

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ANALYSIS

Bill: Senate Bill 979

Printer's No.: 1136

Amendment No.: A06547

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Summary: The bill makes an appropriation for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The amendment changes the fiscal year to 2014-2015.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on this legislation. During the hearing, concern was expressed that the appropriation in this bill could be used as a reason to decrease other funding which may be available to public defender offices. The amendment provides that this appropriation shall be in addition to, and may not be used to replace, any moneys appropriated or otherwise made available by the State or a political subdivision for criminal defense.

The effective date is changed from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014.