

## HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19A.3: Study Capital Case Prosecution

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 19A.3 of S.L. 2016-94 directs the Office of Indigent Defense Services (Office), in consultation with the Conference of District Attorneys, to study the cases that merit the cost of capital prosecution and defense, local appointment of counsel in capital cases, and procedural changes to save costs in capital cases. This section also directs the Office to study the need for satellite offices and the benefits of adding capital defenders to existing public defender offices. The Office must report findings, recommendations, and specific statistics to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by March 1, 2017.

This section became effective July 1, 2016.

