

## **SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 18A.3: Standards for Indigency**

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**Committee:** August 18, 2017 Augustus D. Willis Introduced by: Prepared by: Sec. 18A.3 of S.L. 2017-57 **Analysis of:** 

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 18A.3 of S.L. 2017-57 directs the Administrative Office of the Courts, in conjunction with Indigent Defense Services, to study and develop specific statewide standards for determining indigency for defendants, to include a review of the practices of other states regarding determination of indigency, analysis of the cost-effectiveness of alternatives to the status quo, and implementation plans for the standards agreed upon. A report must be issued to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2018.

This section became effective June 28, 2017.