



**SENATE BILL 99:
Appropriations Act of 2018, Sec. 18A.4:
Final Report on Standards for Indigency**

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	August 6, 2018
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kristen L. Harris Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 18A.4 of S.L. 2018-5		

OVERVIEW: *Sec. 18A.4 of S.L. 2018-5 amends the reporting requirements relating to the study and development of statewide standards for determining indigency for defendants being conducted by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Indigent Defense Services (IDS) by adding an interim report and making the final report due to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by October 1, 2018.*

This act was vetoed by the Governor on June 6, 2018, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 12, 2018. This section became effective on July 1, 2018.

BILL ANALYSIS: Sec. 18A.4 of S.L. 2018 requires AOC and IDS to study and develop statewide standards for determining the indigency of defendants. The study includes a review of other states' practices, consideration of local expenses and cost-of-living, and auditing procedures for successful future implementation. AOC and IDS must issue an interim report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2018, and a final report by October 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective on July 1, 2018.

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