

CHAPTER 175

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

HOUSE BILL 26-1385

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Sirota, Taggart;
also SENATOR(S) Amabile and Bridges, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Wallace.

AN ACT

CONCERNING DIRECTING ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PROSECUTOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) The Colorado district attorneys' council has sufficient unspent funds available from prior appropriations to administer the behavioral health support grant program in state fiscal year 2026-27; and

(b) It is therefore reasonable not to direct additional funds to the Colorado district attorneys' council for this purpose for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3502, **add** (1)(c) as follows:

24-32-3502. Public defender and prosecutor behavioral health support program - policies - report - fund - repeal.

(1) (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE 2026-27 STATE FISCAL YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: May 27, 2026