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SB-1117 State Public Defender: grants. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 1117

CHAPTER 615

An act to add Section 15421.1 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1117, Becker. State Public Defender: grants.

Existing law requires the Governor to appoint a State Public Defender, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The primary responsibilities of the State Public Defender are to represent those persons who are entitled to representation at public expense in specified proceedings and to provide assistance and training to specified attorneys. The State Public Defender, among other things, is authorized to represent any person who is not financially able to employ counsel in specified matters and to appear as a friend of the court, as specified.

This bill would authorize the State Public Defender to administer and award grants to improve indigent defense services.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15421.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

15421.1. The State Public Defender is authorized to administer and award grants to improve indigent defense services.