

RESOLUTION NO. 151

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF THE HURRELL-HARRING SETTLEMENT AND AMENDING THE 2019 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 4/8/19

By Audit and Finance and Law Committees:

WHEREAS, The County Executive and Albany County Public Defender have indicated that the State of New York has committed to expanding the Hurrell-Harring settlement on a statewide basis thereby increasing the availability of legal representation for indigent defendants in Albany County including ensuring the accessibility of counsel at arraignments, establishing caseload limits for counsel, and increasing the availability of experts, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and Albany County Public Defender have further indicated that the Albany County Public Defender, Alternate Defender, and Assigned Counsel Program will directly benefit from this increased funding and it will be used to pay for added personnel, contractual expert services, training, mentoring, and other indigent defense resources, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive and Public Defender have requested authorization to enter into a five year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the aforementioned full statewide implementation Hurrell-Harring settlement in the amount of \$26,264,402 for the term commencing April 1, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has further indicated that the County of Albany will be entitled to funds in the amount of \$1,750,920 for the 2019 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has already provided for funding to the Public Defender's Office through the Adopted 2019 County Budget, however a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate the additional funding that will be received from the state for 2019, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Offices of Indigent Legal Services regarding the statewide implementation of the Hurrell-Harring settlement in the amount of \$26,264,402 for the term commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2019 Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3338 Statewide Implementation by \$249,125

Increase Appropriation Account A1172.1 by \$113,800 by creating and increasing the following Line Items:

Line Item A1172 1 2002 Supervising Attorney by \$85,000

Line Item A1172 1 9935 Law Intern Program by \$28,800

Increase Appropriation Account A1172.4 by \$90,275 by increasing the following Line Items:

Line Item A1172 4 4046 Fees For Services by \$50,000

Line Item A1172 4 4039 Conferences/Training/Tuition by \$30,000

Line Item A1172 4 4020 Office Supplies by \$4,000

Line Item A1172 4 4040 Books/Transcripts/Subscripsts by \$4,275

Line Item A1172 4 4038 Travel-Mileage/Freight by \$2,000

Increase Appropriation Account A1172.8 by \$45,050 by creating and increasing the following Line Items:

Line Item A1172 8 9010 State Retirement by \$15,305

Line Item A1172 8 9030 Social Security by \$6,460

Line Item A1172 8 9060 Hospital and Medical Insurance by \$23,285

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 4/8/19