

**RESOLUTION NO. 350**

**REQUESTING A COST BENEFIT STUDY ON PRIVITIZING INDIGENT DEFENSE IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 8/9/10  
By Mr. Hoblock:

WHEREAS, Indigent defense services (the Albany County Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender and assigned counsel for indigent defendants) costs the County \$5,224,999.00, and

WHEREAS, The County is facing difficult fiscal decisions in order to maintain its financial solvency, and

WHEREAS, The County may save substantial money by contracting with a private firm for some or all of its indigent defense services, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That County Executive shall forthwith engage in a cost benefit study of contracting with a private firm(s) for some or all of its indigent defense services; this study may include an RFP in order to determine exact market prices for indigent legal services, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this study will be completed no later than 60 days from the passage of this Resolution and the results will be shared with the Majority and Minority Leaders of this Honorable Body, 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.

*Referred to Law Committee. 8/9/10*