

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE BILL 992**

Short Title: Indigent Def. Funds Limit.

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Sponsors: Representatives Clary; Arnold, Baker, Brubaker, Cansler, Capps, Davis, Decker, Ellis, Gray, Gulley, Howard, Kiser, McComas, Morris, Rayfield, Sexton, Sherrill, Starnes, and G. Wilson.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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April 13, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE BE  
NO GREATER THAN APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS'  
OFFICES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The total funds appropriated in the State budget to any State department or agency for indigent defense for any fiscal year may not exceed the total funds appropriated for that fiscal year for district attorneys' offices across the State. For purposes of this act, "indigent defense" includes fees for private attorneys, appellate defender services, public defender services, the Guardian Ad Litem program, provision of special counsel to the mentally ill, and the grant to the North Carolina State Bar.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.