

House Bill 788

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-12-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 budget of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council, solicitation of funds, and distribution of
3 state appropriated funds, so as to change the criteria for distribution of state appropriated
4 funds for indigent defense; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 17-12-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the budget of
8 the Georgia Indigent Defense Council, solicitation of funds, and distribution of state
9 appropriated funds, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:

11 "(b) At least 90 percent of all state appropriated funds shall be distributed by the council
12 to participating counties on an equitable basis, based on ~~judicial administrative district and~~
13 ~~judicial circuit population, indigent criminal caseloads, and~~ previous year expenditures for
14 the provision of defense services at the local level."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.