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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public defense; appropriating money to the state Board of Public
1.3 Defense to pay for transcripts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 611.27, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 611.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Transcript use.** If the ~~state~~ chief appellate public defender or a district
1.8 public defender deems it necessary to make a motion for a new trial, to take an appeal,
1.9 or other postconviction proceedings in order to properly represent a defendant or other
1.10 person whom that public defender had been directed to represent, that public defender
1.11 may use the transcripts of the testimony and other proceedings filed with the court
1.12 administrator of the district court as provided by section 243.49. An amount necessary to
1.13 pay for the costs of such transcripts is annually appropriated from the general fund to the
1.14 state Board of Public Defense.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

1.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.17 \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the state Board of Public Defense
1.18 for fiscal year 2007 to pay the costs of trial transcripts in appeal cases.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.