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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public defense; requiring the Board of Public Defense to allocate
1.3 and distribute funds based on weighted caseload; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2006, section 611.27, subdivision 1.

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

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

1.7 Subdivision 1. **County payment responsibility.** (a) A chief district public defender
1.8 shall annually submit a comprehensive budget to the state Board of Public Defense. The
1.9 budget shall be in compliance with standards and forms required by the board. The chief
1.10 district public defender shall, at times and in the form required by the board, submit
1.11 reports to the board concerning its operations, including the number of cases handled and
1.12 funds expended for these services.

1.13 (b) Money appropriated to the state Board of Public Defense for the board's
1.14 administration, for the state public defender, for the judicial district public defenders,
1.15 and for the public defense corporations shall be expended as determined by the board.
1.16 In distributing funds to district public defenders, the board shall ~~consider the geographic~~
1.17 ~~distribution of public defenders, the equity of compensation among the judicial districts,~~
1.18 ~~public defender case loads, and the results of the weighted case load study~~ allocate funds
1.19 on the basis of judicial district weighted caseload.