

A Bill to Rehabilitate the Public Criminal Defense System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public defenders shall no longer be allowed to work contemporaneously on
3 more than 30 felony cases, or no more than 65 misdemeanor cases.

4 **SECTION 2.** In the event that a public defender is taking a hybrid of felony and
5 misdemeanor cases contemporaneously, the public defender shall be
6 limited to 45 cases in total, while taking on less than 20 felony cases.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the implementation and
8 enforcement of this bill. The DOJ shall create a committee that will oversee
9 the allocation of funds to states to aid with the hiring of more public
10 defenders, and retention of public defenders.

11 **A)** 2 billion dollars shall be allotted to this committee **per annum** for the
12 sake of hiring more public defenders.

13 **B)** 1 billion dollars shall be allocated to this committee **per annum** for the
14 sake of retaining public defenders, through increased wages.

15 **C)** Further funds may be allocated at the next Congressional budgetary
16 meeting.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY27. All laws in conflict with this
18 legislation are hereby declared null and void