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Introduced by Sen. GRISANTI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to providing funds for the public defense backup center of the New York State Defenders Association

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 and paragraph (d) of subdi-  
2 vision 3 of section 98-b of the state finance law, paragraph (a) of  
3 subdivision 2 as amended and paragraph (d) of subdivision 3 as added by  
4 section 2 of part E of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, are amended to  
5 read as follows:  
6     (a) The purpose of such fund shall be to (i) assist counties and, in  
7 the case of a county wholly contained within a city, such city, in  
8 providing legal representation for persons who are financially unable to  
9 afford counsel pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law; (ii)  
10 assist the state, in improving the quality of public defense services  
11 and funding representation provided by assigned counsel paid in accord-  
12 ance with section thirty-five of the judiciary law; [and] (iii) provide  
13 support for the operations, duties, responsibilities and expenses of the  
14 office of indigent legal services and the indigent legal services board  
15 established, respectively, pursuant to sections eight hundred thirty-two  
16 and eight hundred thirty-three of the executive law; AND (IV) PROVIDE  
17 FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENSE BACKUP CENTER OF THE NEW  
18 YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION.  
19     (d) AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
20 THE NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION FROM SUCH FUND FOR THE SERVICES  
21 AND EXPENSES OF ITS PUBLIC DEFENSE BACKUP CENTER.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (E) Remaining amounts within such fund, after accounting for annual  
2 payments required in paragraphs (a), (b) [and], (c) AND (D) of this  
3 subdivision and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision two  
4 of this section shall be distributed in accordance with sections eight  
5 hundred thirty-two and eight hundred thirty-three of the executive law.  
6 S 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2012.