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132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 85, L.D. 152, “An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Require a Specific Time Frame for Agencies to Comply with Requests for Public Records”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	Purchases - Division of 0007		
2	Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to reimburse the Department of the Attorney General		
3	for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs.		
4	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
5	All Other	\$148,889	\$160,156
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$148,889</u>	<u>\$160,156</u>
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9	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL		
10	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
11	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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13	GENERAL FUND	\$640,641	\$688,948
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15	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$640,641</u>	<u>\$688,948</u>
16	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
17	Human Services Division 0696		
18	Initiative: Provides funding for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs		
19	to support the Department of Administrative and Financial Services with Freedom of		
20	Access Act requests.		
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
22	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
23	Personal Services	\$134,955	\$145,962
24	All Other	\$13,934	\$14,194
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26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$148,889</u>	<u>\$160,156</u>
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28	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
29	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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31	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$148,889	\$160,156
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33	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$148,889</u>	<u>\$160,156</u>
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35	SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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37	GENERAL FUND	\$640,641	\$688,948
38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$148,889	\$160,156
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40	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$789,530</u>	<u>\$849,104</u>
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1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations
5 and allocations section. The amendment appropriates funding to the Department of
6 Administrative and Financial Services both to establish 4 Public Service Coordinator I
7 positions and to reimburse the Department of the Attorney General for one Assistant
8 Attorney General position for purposes of the Department of Administrative and Financial
9 Services' compliance with the requirements of the bill.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11 **(See attached)**