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## **CCAO Applauds Ohio House Support for Indigent Defense Reimbursement**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) thanks House Speaker Bob Cupp and the Ohio House of Representatives for including the necessary funds in the state budget bill, House Bill 110, to provide full indigent defense reimbursement.

“CCAO is very pleased with the House’s decision to provide full reimbursement for indigent defense funding,” CCAO President Tim Bubbs said. “The costs of funding this mandated service place considerable strain on a county’s general fund budget, and full reimbursement allows us to use those dollars to deliver other vital services to the people we serve. We are very grateful to Speaker Bubbs and the members of House for their work on this issue as we work together to build stronger counties for a stronger Ohio.”

CCAO’s primary legislative priority is to have the state fully reimburse counties for their costs incurred in fulfilling the state’s constitutional obligation to provide counsel to indigent defendants.

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