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OVERHEAD BILL INTRODUCED AGAIN

Montgomery, Alabama....A bill to eliminate the payment of overhead expenses for indigent defense has been introduced again for the 2004 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature.

SB 234 was introduced by Sen. Curt Lee (Rep.-District 5) on February 5, 2004. The measure was then sent to the Judiciary Committee for its First Reading where the bill now sits.

As of this writing, it is not certain when this Bill will receive its Second Reading and come up for a vote. ACDLA members should make contact with their respective Senators urging them NOT to support this legislation when it does.

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Senate Judiciary Committee Members are: Chairperson – Smitherman, Little(Z), Vice Chairperson-Preuitt; Sanders, and Lee.

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