

Subject Permitting court-appointed counsel to apply for interpreter services

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Overview

Current law permits appointed counsel for an indigent defendant to apply to the district court for certain services necessary to provide an adequate defense. In 2019, the court of appeals decided *State v. Cruz Montanez* which found that court-appointed attorneys cannot apply to the district court to pay for interpreters used in meetings that take place outside of the court proceedings. The supreme court did not review the issue. This bill would clarify that appointed counsel may apply for interpreters.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Services other than counsel. Provides that court-appointed counsel may file an application with the district court to pay for interpreters used in meetings that take place outside of court and are necessary to prepare an adequate defense.