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## Office of the State Public Defender Performance Audit – Status Report

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

Attached is the status report from the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Office of the State Auditor's (OSA) July 2024 Office of the State Public Defender Performance Audit.

### OSA Review of Documentation

As part of the status report process, we requested and received supporting documentation for each recommendation that OSPD reported as having been implemented or partially implemented. Specifically, we reviewed the following documentation:

- Request for Proposals issued by OSPD seeking a contractor to perform a workload study, implement workload data collection, and provide updated workload standards for OSPD and the approved contract awarded to the firm OSPD selected.
- OSPD's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request, documenting its request for funding to perform a workload study.
- A revised application worksheet for OSPD staff to use to document their determination of applicants' indigency status including the method they used to calculate applicants' income.
- Updated guidance for staff on making eligibility determinations.
- A training video created by OSPD to provide guidance and expectations for staff on making eligibility determinations.
- OSPD internal audit documentation showing scope of its internal audit reviews.

- An updated OSPD tracking spreadsheet and procedures used to record and monitor new staff training completions.

Based on our review, the supporting documentation substantiates OSPD's reported implementation status.