

ume), title "Courts," to follow immediately after Section 12 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Criminal Justice Act of Prince George's County," to provide limitations on compensation to appointed attorneys in criminal cases; to provide limitations on allowances for investigative, expert or other services necessary to defend a criminal case involving an indigent defendant; to provide for the payment of such attorney's fees and other expenses by the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County, and to further provide for administration by the Court Administrator.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 12A through 12E, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," to follow immediately after Section 12 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Criminal Justice Act for Prince George's County," and to read as follows:

12A. Criminal Justice Act for Prince George's County.

An attorney appointed by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal, defective delinquent or post conviction case shall, at the conclusion of the representation or any segment thereof, be compensated at a rate of \$15 per hour for time expended in Court, and \$10 per hour for time reasonably expended out of Court, and shall be reimbursed for minor expenses reasonably incurred. For representation of a defendant before the Circuit Court, the compensation, exclusive of minor expenses reasonably incurred, to be paid to an attorney shall not exceed \$500 in a case or cases in which one or more crimes are charged. In extraordinary cases or circumstances payment in excess of the limits stated herein shall be made if the amount of the excess payment is approved by a panel of three Circuit Court Judges. A claim for compensation and reimbursement shall be supported by a written statement, under oath, specifying the time expended, services rendered, and expenses incurred, and the compensation and reimbursement applied for. This statement shall include also the investigation done by the attorney to determine assets or sources of income or funds of the defendant, and shall also include any compensation or reimbursement received by the attorney in the same case or cases from any source. This claim for compensation aforesaid shall be submitted to the Defense of Indigent Defendants Committee of the Prince George's County Bar Association for review and approval and hence to the Prince George's County Commissioners for payment.

12B. Services Other Than Counsel.

Appointed counsel for a defendant, who if financially unable to obtain investigative, expert, or other services necessary to an adequate defense in his case, may request them in an ex parte oral application. Upon finding, after an appropriate inquiry in an ex parte proceeding, that the services are necessary and not otherwise available and that the defendant if financially unable to obtain them, the Court shall authorize counsel to obtain the services on behalf of the defendant. The Court may, in the interest of justice, and upon a finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, ratify such services after they have been obtained. The Court shall determine reasonable compensation for