Overview

This bill prohibits the state public defender from paying for transcripts or other expenses of a person who is represented by privately-retained counsel unless the privately-retained attorney is representing the person without charge under an arrangement with the state public defender. It also requires the board of public defense to include in its budget request the amount spent on transcripts for appellate and postconviction proceedings in the prior fiscal year.

1 **Charge for transcript.** Clarifies that the chief judge of each judicial district may set the amount of fees charged for a copy of a court record transcript. Current law gives the chief judge this authority but also sets, in statute, the level of the fee that may be charged.

2 **Representation.** Prohibits the state public defender from paying for transcripts or other expenses of a person who is represented by privately-retained counsel unless the privately-retained attorney is representing the person without charge under an arrangement with the state public defender.

3 **Costs of transcripts.** Requires the state board of public defense to include as part of its budget request the amount spent on transcripts for appellate and postconviction proceedings in the prior fiscal year.