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**Projected Deficiencies – Division of Public Defender Services**

**1. Personal Services**

- a. Current Projected Deficiency: **\$275,000**
- b. Reasons for Deficiency:
  - i. Funding is necessary in the Personal Services account due to cover end of the year payroll obligations. A deficiency in this account is the result of the SEBAC lapse reduction and the January rescission of \$246,000.

**2. Other Expenses**

- a. Current Projected Deficiency: **\$75,000**
- b. Reasons for Deficiency:
  - i. Funding is necessary in the Other Expenses account due to increased overall caseloads, including capital, appellate and habeas cases, which has forced increased expenditures in many of these line items, i.e., printing of legal briefs, increased volume of postage, record storage, mileage reimbursement, etc., in addition to \$19,000 in FY11 obligations carried forward into the current fiscal year

**3. Special Public Defender – Non Contractual**

- a. Current Projected Deficiency: **\$700,000**
- b. Reasons for Deficiency:
  - i. Funding is necessary in the Special Public Defender – Non Contractual account due to greater than expected case assignments and billed hours, including increased costs for high profile capital cases, in addition to \$586,195 in FY11 obligations carried forward into the current fiscal year.
  - ii. Funding is also necessary in the Special Public Defender – Contractual account due to an effort to comply with the Governor's executive order regarding GAAP accounting.

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**4. Special Public Defender –Contractual**

a. Current Projected Deficiency: **\$400,000**

b. Reasons for Deficiency:

- i. Funding is necessary in the Special Public Defender –Contractual account due to an effort to comply with the Governor's executive order regarding GAAP accounting.

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**5. Expert Witnesses**

a. Current Projected Deficiency: **\$225,000**

b. Reasons for Deficiency:

- i. Funding is necessary in the Expert Witnesses account due to increased costs for high profile capital cases currently on trial or going to trial in addition to \$86,450 in FY11 obligations carried forward into the current fiscal year.

**Total Deficiencies: \$1,675,000**

**6. Child Protection Contractual \*\***

- a. The projected \$5.7 million deficiency in the Child Protection Contracted Attorney Account has been eliminated as a result of efforts taken by the Agency early in FY 12 to restructure the compensation for contracted child protection attorneys.