

HB 799 -- Death Penalty

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This bill repeals all provisions allowing for and related to the death penalty in Missouri and specifies that on October 28, 2011, the Capital Litigation Division within the Office of the Missouri State Public Defender will cease to operate. Any remaining funds appropriated to the division must be equally divided between the public defender's general budget and the newly created Cold Case Investigation Revolving Fund administered by the Department of Public Safety. The fund must be used solely for the purpose of reimbursing law enforcement agencies in the state, upon application, for the costs associated with reopening old investigations regarding homicides, missing persons, sexual assaults, or child abductions.