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MEMORANDUM

To: House Appropriations
From: House Judiciary
Date: January 18, 2017
Subject: Budget Adjustment

Victim advocates are a priority for our Committee and we support the \$69,900 budget adjustment to ensure full funding for the victim advocates through FY 17. The Committee further recommends that the Appropriations Committee explores issues of accounting and transparency of the program, including use of any surpluses gained by the Pay Act or other funds for the costs of the victim advocates in the past two years and that these be accounted for and trued up in the FY 18 appropriation, if found. Additionally, the Committee recommends that Appropriations or Government Operations do a review and clarify the financial and administrative aspects of the model prior to the FY 18 budget.

The Committee supports moving the Pretrial Services Program to the Attorney General's Office along with the accompanying funding.