

SENATE BILL 646

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By: **Senator Muse**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of the Public Defender – Caseload Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain defendant or party may not be provided a
4 certain representation by certain personnel of the Office of the Public Defender if the
5 representation would violate certain caseload standards; providing that a certain
6 defendant or party shall be represented by a certain panel attorney; and generally
7 relating to the Office of the Public Defender.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Procedure

10 Section 16–204(c)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 16–204.

17 **(C) (1) AN INDIGENT DEFENDANT OR PARTY MAY NOT BE PROVIDED**
18 **REPRESENTATION UNDER THIS TITLE BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, A DEPUTY**
19 **PUBLIC DEFENDER, A DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, OR AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC**
20 **DEFENDER IF THE REPRESENTATION WOULD VIOLATE CASELOAD STANDARDS**
21 **ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND ATTORNEY AND STAFF WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT**
22 **OF 2005.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) AN INDIGENT DEFENDANT OR PARTY SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1)**
2 **OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY A PANEL ATTORNEY UNDER §**
3 **16-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2015.