

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Judiciary

HB 67 — Public Defender Duties

by Rep. Fernandez-Barquin (SB 752 by Senator Gruters)

The bill specifies that a court may not appoint a public defender when the defendant has already retained private counsel. However, the bill does not prohibit the appointment of a public defender in situations where a defendant is no longer represented by private counsel.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0