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Nevada Board of Examiners
400 W. King Street, Suite 111
Carson City, NV. 89403

Re: Proposed Request for Changes to State Administrative Manual
(SAM)

Dear Nevada Board of Examiners:

The Board on Indigent Defense Services is writing in support of the proposed change to SAM 2629 to allow for the reimbursement of obtaining or maintaining a professional license for permanent full-time employees whose positions are required to have a specific license. As well as providing funding for continued legal education.

The goals of the Department of Indigent Defense Services are to build a strong and resilient statewide network of effective indigent defense providers and to support them with regular education, training, and other defense-specific resources. These changes to SAM 2629 will further assist the Department in their goal of building an effective team of indigent defense providers within the Department. Further, the changes will provide pay parity between our county prosecutors and our state indigent defense providers, as required by NAC 180, Section 39, since most counties already cover the professional licensing costs for the county prosecutors.

The Board on Indigent Defense supports these changes to build a stronger Nevada.

Sincerely,