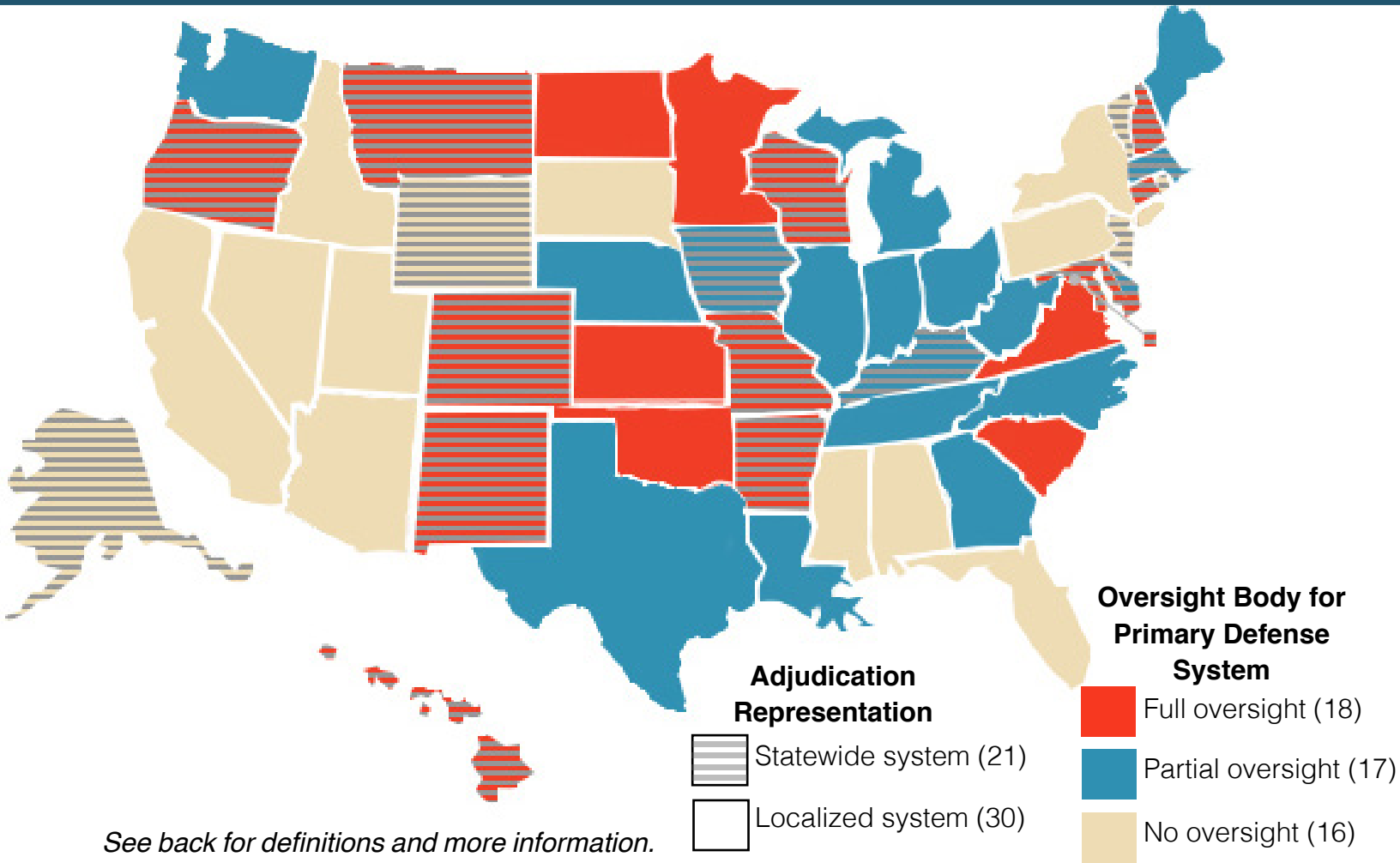
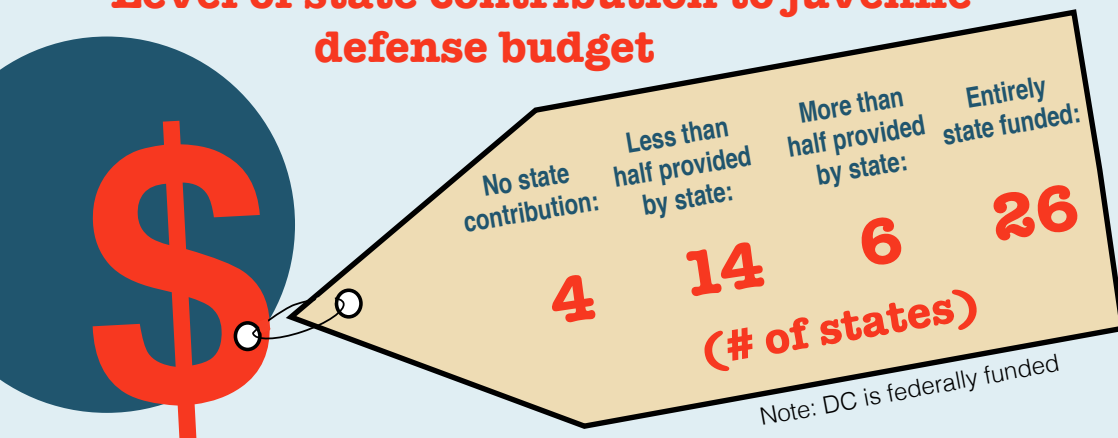


The Fragmented State of Juvenile Indigent Defense



Level of state contribution to juvenile defense budget



of states with a statewide conflict office

6

of states with a statewide appellate office

29*

*While 29 states have statewide appellate offices, there is a lack of clarity as to the extent in which the offices handle juvenile appeals.

Map definitions

Statewide system: juvenile indigent defense is largely controlled, funded, trained, and supervised by a statewide public defender.

Localized system: primary responsibility for providing indigent defense services rests with county governments or with judicial circuits comprised of county groups.

Full oversight: the power to hire (or appoint) and/or fire (either for cause or at will) the chief public defender who delivers defense services—in some branch of the state government.

Partial oversight: bodies that are merely advisory or standard-setting, or any centralized organization that lacks the power to hire, dismiss, or otherwise control the performance of the defenders.

No oversight: states that do not have an oversight body to supervise or advise the delivery of indigent defense.

State by state breakdown

States with a statewide system: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, DC, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

States with a localized system: Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

States with full oversight: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, DC, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

States with partial oversight: Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

States with no oversight: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.

States that are entirely state funded: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, DC (federally funded), Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

States that provide more than half of funding: Florida, Kentucky, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

States that provide less than half of funding: California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and Washington.

States that provide no funding (entirely locally funded systems): Arizona, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Utah.

States with a statewide appellate office: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, DC, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

States with a conflict office: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Montana, and New Mexico.



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