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The judicial branch of state government should not unilaterally make changes to the state's public defender program, especially not on nothing more than the advice of the state bar association. Criminal courts and criminal trials involve victims, perpetrators, law enforcement, and the legislature. This is not a provincial matter to be left in the hands of two elements of the state's legal system. Presumably there is some legal code under which the state bar, and the Supreme Court, is asserting the authority to propose these changes, but even if the assertion is legal, that does not make it proper.