



# Senate Bill 84

## Indigent Defense Transcripts Amendments

This bill amends provisions regarding court transcripts

**This bill reduces the costs for transcripts for indigent defense cases from \$4.50 to \$2.00 per page**

### Background:

Appellate courts require official transcripts of trial court proceedings, and for indigent defendants, the State or County defense provider **to pay for the creation of these transcripts**

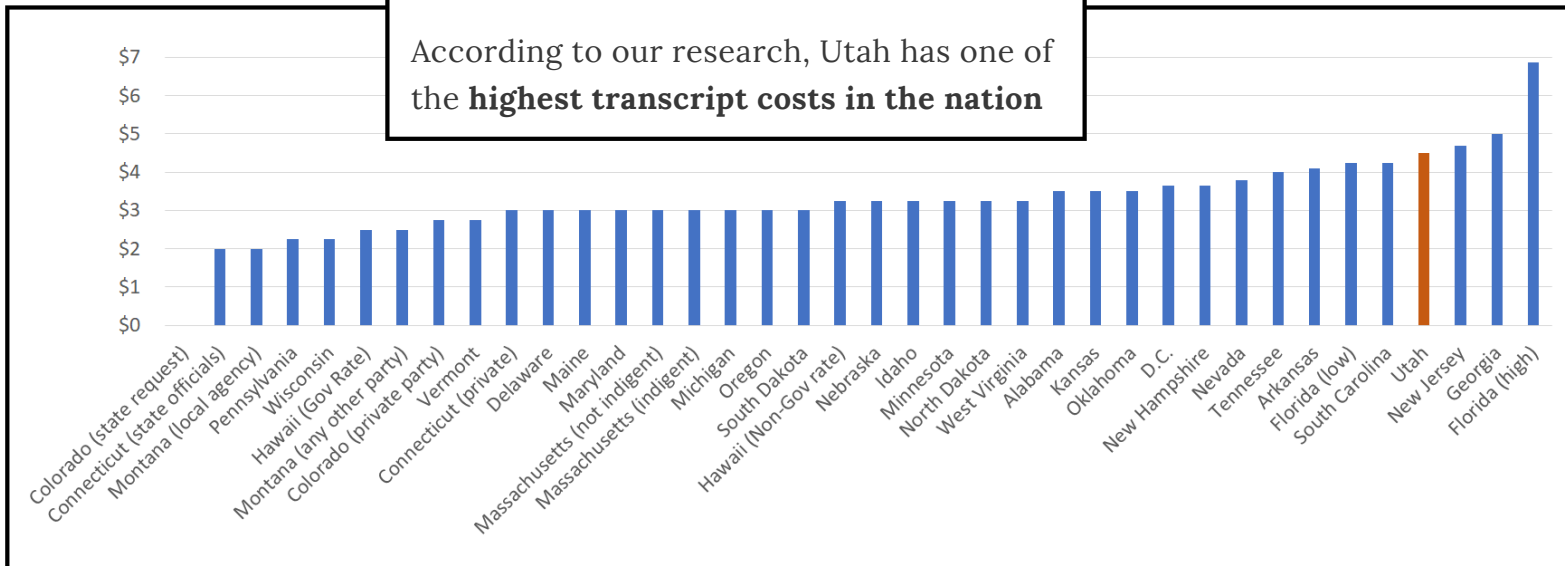
*Griffin v. Illinois, 351 U.S. 12(1956); Norvel v. Illinois, 373 U.S. 420 (1963)*

At this rate, transcripts for each jury trial appeal may cost up to \$8000

The state-funded Indigent Appellate Defense Division expects to have 20 jury trial appeals in 2021. This means \$160,000 of their budget (1/10th) will be spent on transcripts alone

### TRANSCRIPT COSTS

According to our research, Utah has one of the **highest transcript costs in the nation**



### In 2019

State agencies spent  
**\$30,000**  
on transcripts

Salt Lake County spent  
**\$92,000**  
on transcripts

Weber County spent  
**\$85,000**  
on transcripts