

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 14, 2025

Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-024 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 10.
- 2 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 3 Page 2, line 14, strike "2026," and substitute "2027,".
- 4 Page 2, line 16 and 17, strike "(2)(i) and (2)(j)" and substitute "(2)(i),
5 (2)(j), and (2)(k)".
- 6 Page 2, line 20, strike "TWENTY-SIX." and substitute "TWENTY-FIVE.".
- 7 Page 3, line 2, strike "TWENTY-EIGHT." and substitute "TWENTY-SIX.".
- 8 Page 3, after line 2, insert:
 - 9 "(k) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
10 2027, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS
11 TWENTY-SEVEN."
- 12 Page 3, line 10, strike "2026," and substitute "2027,".
- 13 Page 3, line 14, strike "2025," and substitute "2027,".
- 14 Page 3, line 19, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 15 Page 3, line 25, strike "EIGHTEEN." and substitute "SEVENTEEN.".
- 16 Page 3, line 27, strike "2026," and substitute "2027,".

- 1 Page 4, line 1, strike "NINETEEN." and substitute "EIGHTEEN."
- 2 Page 4, line 6, strike "NINETEEN." and substitute "EIGHTEEN."
- 3 Page 4, line 8, strike "2026," and substitute "2027,".
- 4 Page 4, line 16, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 5 Page 4, strike lines 18 through 22.
- 6 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 7 Page 5, line 12, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 8 Page 5, line 16, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 9 Page 6, line 1, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 10 Page 6, line 5, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 11 Page 6, line 13, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 12 Page 6, line 17, strike "2025," and substitute "2027,".
- 13 Page 6, line 20, strike "2025," and substitute "2026,".
- 14 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 6.
- 15 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 16 Page 7, before line 7 insert:
 - 17 **"SECTION 14. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
 - 18 year, \$3,168,698 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by the
 - 19 state courts. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement
 - 20 this act, the state courts may use this appropriation as follows:
 - 21 (a) \$95,735 for use by courts administration for general courts
 - 22 administration, which amount is based on an assumption that courts
 - 23 administration will require an additional 0.9 FTE;
 - 24 (b) \$2,120,625 for use by trial courts for trial court programs,
 - 25 which amount is based on an assumption that the trial courts will require
 - 26 an additional 17.5 FTE;

1 (c) \$228,529 for health, life, and dental;
2 (d) \$694 for short-term disability;
3 (e) \$8,544 for paid family and medical leave insurance;
4 (f) \$189,871 for unfunded liability amortization equalization
5 disbursement payments;
6 (g) \$122,500 for capital outlay; and
7 (h) \$402,200 for courthouse furnishings and infrastructure
8 maintenance."

9 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

10 Page 1, line 101, strike "OFFICERS." and substitute "OFFICERS, AND, IN
11 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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