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## DIGEST

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HB 304 Reengrossed

2020 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Appropriates funds for FY 2020-2021 for expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, Criminal Court of Orleans Parish, juvenile and family courts, and other courts.

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$188,721,817 from the following sources: \$169,088,042 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$9,392,850 out of Interagency Transfers; and \$10,240,925 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund. Appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) shall be reduced by \$17,031,070 and Interagency Transfers shall be increased by \$4,000,000 from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for expenditures related to COVID-19 response efforts pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows:

	<u>FY 20 EOB</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
(1) Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 71,580,762	\$84,647,437
(2) Courts of Appeal	47,300,362	50,009,415
(3) District Courts	39,353,270	40,614,727
(4) Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans		6,353,6
(5) Juvenile and Family Courts		6,707,761
		2,588,4
		2,629,386
(6) Other Courts (Required by Statute)	3,242,164	3,329,210
(7) Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	675,187	763,881
TOTAL	<u>\$171,093,866</u>	<u>\$188,721,817</u>

Effective July 1, 2020

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Add requirement that appropriations from State General Funds (Direct) contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$17,031,070 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.
2. Provide an appropriation of \$4,000,000 out of Interagency Transfers from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for expenses related to the COVID-19 response efforts.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Appropriates the first \$3,100,000 for Judicial pay raises should additional State General Fund (Direct) be recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.