

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 647 by Representative McFarland

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1.

Authorizes a supplement in the same amounts authorized by Section 6(A) of Act 775 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature. Requires the supplement to be paid in monthly installments and to be paid from the judiciary's reserves.

2

Appropriates \$6M in Statutory Dedications out of the Modernization and Security Fund to the La. Supreme Court for information technology and security infrastructure improvements.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$215,091,329 from the following sources: \$187,855,555 State General Fund (Direct); \$9,392,850 Interagency Transfers; \$17,842,924 Statutory Dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, the Trial Court Case Management Fund, and the Modernization and Security Fund.

Allocates \$6M out of the Modernization and Security Fund for information technology and security infrastructure improvements as follows:

- 1)

\$350,000 to replace courtroom oral arguments audio and video equipment.
- 2)

\$1,100,000 for security fencing around the La. Supreme Court building.
- 3)

\$2,125,000 to replace information technology and security infrastructure.
- 4)

\$1,825,000 for courthouse security projects for the La. Supreme Court building.
- 5)

600,000 for public portal access to the Case Management of LPOR.

Authorizes a supplement to be paid in the same amounts as in Section 6(A) of Act 775 of the 2024 Regular Session. The supplement is to be paid in equal monthly installments in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The supplement shall be paid from the judiciary's reserves.

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

	<u>FY 25 EOB</u>	<u>FY 26 REC</u>
Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 96,422,299	\$ 98,992,224
Courts of Appeal	\$ 52,876,409	\$ 57,456,861
District Courts	\$ 44,928,136	\$ 48,681,189
Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	\$ 7,035,860	\$ 7,503,198
Juvenile and Family Courts	\$ 2,858,092	\$ 2,930,775
Other Courts (Required by Statute)	\$ 3,601,525	\$ 3,929,511
Other Programs	\$ 829,008	\$ 930,953
Reduction (SGF)	\$ 0	\$ (11,873,382)
Addition (SGF)	\$ 0	\$ 540,000
Addition (Stat Ded)	\$ 0	\$ 6,000,000
Total Funding	<u>\$ 208,551,329</u>	<u>\$ 215,091,329</u>

Effective July 1, 2025.