

# ACT No. 910

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 983

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the  
3 Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans  
4 Parish, and other courts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. A. The sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Million Six Hundred Forty-  
8 Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five and No/100 (\$229,647,995) Dollars, or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary,  
10 including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District  
11 Court of Orleans Parish, and of the other courts.

12 B. The total amount herein appropriated is hereby allocated to provide as follows:

13 **03-8170 SUPREME COURT**

14 **Program Description:** *The Supreme Court has general supervisory jurisdiction over all lower courts. It may establish procedural and administrative rules not in conflict with law and may assign a sitting or retired judge to any court. The Supreme Court has sole authority to provide by rule for appointments of attorneys as temporary or ad hoc judges. It considers applications for writs to review individual cases, and has criminal and other appellate jurisdiction. The Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against lawyers, recommendations of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana for the discipline of judges, and fact questions affecting its appellate jurisdiction. It has inherent authority to regulate the legal profession and to promulgate and update the Code of Judicial Conduct. The court also provides judicial training through the Judicial College and works to improve the administration of justice.*

		<u>FY 26 EOB</u>	<u>FY 27 REC</u>
24	01		
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26	Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and		
27	six (6) Associate Justices of the		
28	Supreme Court, as provided by		
	R.S. 13:102	\$ 1,282,315	\$ 1,389,275
29	02		
30	Salaries and other expenses of the		
31	Supreme Court Proper and salary of		
	the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 12,756,202	\$ 14,551,918
32	03		
33	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's		
34	Office and of the Judiciary		
35	Commission provided for in Article V,		
36	Section 25 of the Constitution of		
37	Louisiana and under the provisions of		
	R.S. 13:32 et seq.		

1	A. Expenses of Judicial			
2	Administrator's Office	\$	6,275,493	\$ 7,231,002
3	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme Court in the</i>			
4	<i>administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the Judiciary Commission of</i>			
5	<i>Louisiana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes recommendations for the creation</i>			
6	<i>of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justice. The Judicial Administrator's Office</i>			
7	<i>provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Judiciary, including the administration of a judicial</i>			
8	<i>retirement system; support for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court human resource system; and</i>			
9	<i>support for judicial branch reporting obligations. The Judicial Administrator's Office also manages the</i>			
10	<i>ad hoc judgeship system, monitors cases under advisement, provides support for initiatives to ensure</i>			
11	<i>access to the courts for limited English proficiency individuals; provides outreach services to state and</i>			
12	<i>local courts, applies for and administers grants to improve judicial administration; and staffs the</i>			
13	<i>Committee on Judicial Ethics. The Judicial Administrator's office administers several programs, including</i>			
14	<i>the Supreme Court Drug Court / Specialty Court Office, the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, and</i>			
15	<i>CASA and FINS through the Division of Children and Families. The Judicial Administrator's office also</i>			
16	<i>provides staff support for the Louisiana Judicial College, and performs numerous legal services for the</i>			
17	<i>Supreme Court and the Judiciary.</i>			
18	B. Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$	2,386,103	\$ 3,300,240
19	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional body established under</i>			
20	<i>Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investigate, and prosecute complaints</i>			
21	<i>of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court the censure,</i>			
22	<i>suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical misconduct.</i>			
23	C. Statistical Reporting Systems	\$	367,770	\$ 385,212
24	D. Dues to National Center for			
25	State Courts	\$	186,000	\$ 186,000
26	04 Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary			
27	Board, as per Louisiana Supreme			
28	Court Rule XIX	\$	3,000	\$ 3,000
29	05 Compensation and expenses of retired			
30	judges assigned under Article V,			
31	Section 5(A) of the Constitution of			
32	Louisiana, be it more or less			
33	estimated at	\$	873,866	\$ 1,008,236
34	06 Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,			
35	services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,			
36	and equipment	\$	1,983,606	\$ 2,194,758
37				
38	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state</i>			
39	<i>judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.</i>			
40	07 Salaries and expenses of transferred			
41	judges assigned under Article V,			
42	Section 5(A) of the Constitution,			
43	be it more or less estimated as	\$	75,000	\$ 78,750
44	08 Retirement pay for services rendered by			
45	justices and judges of all courts, as			
46	provided by R.S. 11:1358	\$	539,000	\$ 458,935
47	09 Pensions for widows of justices and			
48	judges of all courts, as provided by			
49	R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it			
50	more or less estimated at	\$	715,000	\$ 729,300
51	10 Judicial College	\$	271,508	\$ 372,976

1 **Program Description:** *The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976 to*  
 2 *provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.*

3 11 State contribution to judicial  
 4 retirement provided for in Article V,  
 5 Section 23 of the Constitution and  
 6 R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or  
 7 less estimated at \$ 19,638,283 \$ 20,034,525

8 12 Civil commitment matters as  
 9 required by R.S. 28:54 \$ 394,520 \$ 394,520

10 13 Paul M. Hebert Law Center for  
 11 expenses of storage of appellate  
 12 court records \$ 60,000 \$ 60,000

13 14 Funding for statewide operations of the  
 14 Louisiana Protective Order Registry  
 15 (R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case  
 16 Management Information System \$ 1,598,319 \$ 1,829,518

17 15 Information Technology \$ 2,199,682 \$ 2,377,527

18 16 Operational expenses of  
 19 the Families in Need of Services  
 20 Program (FINS) \$ 3,606,522 \$ 3,724,483

21 **Program Description:** *The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes by*  
 22 *developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and mandating*  
 23 *the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal cases; developing*  
 24 *and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and reporting performance*  
 25 *indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and financial accountability;*  
 26 *and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.*

27  
 28 17 Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts \$ 21,235,993 \$ 21,353,718

29 **Program Description:** *Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts, such as Drug/DWI Treatment Courts,*  
 30 *authorized in 1977 by R.S. 13:5301-5304; Reentry Courts, authorized in 2010 by R.S. 13:5401; Mental*  
 31 *Health Courts, authorized in 2013 by R.S. 13:5353 - 5358; Swift and Certain Program, authorized by R.S.*  
 32 *13:5371; and Veterans Treatment Courts, authorized in 2014 by R.S. 13:5361 - 5368, are proven and*  
 33 *effective alternatives to traditional criminal justice interventions. These programs provide integrated*  
 34 *treatment for substance use and mental health disorders, including the appropriate use of sanctions and*  
 35 *incentives along with case management, to place participants in need of services into appropriate*  
 36 *community-based and judicially supervised rehabilitation programs. Clients are regularly tested and*  
 37 *monitored for compliance with educational, employment, and treatment requirements pursuant to current*  
 38 *best practices and the proven national model.*

39 18 Court Appointed Special Advocates \$ 8,383,456 \$ 8,986,012

40 **Program Description:** *The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement of*  
 41 *children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions of*  
 42 *Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which recruit,*  
 43 *screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge, qualified*  
 44 *advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge, advocating for the best*  
 45 *interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned, and advising and assisting the*  
 46 *judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.*

47 19 Judges' supplemental compensation  
 48 R.S. 13:10.3, be it more or less  
 49 estimated at \$ 7,785,844 \$ 7,785,844

50 **Program Description:** *The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund was established by the Legislature*  
 51 *in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related expenses to judges and commissioners. The funding*  
 52 *source is a non-refundable filing fee assessed on civil filings as provided in R.S. 13:10.3.*

53 20 Case Management Information System,  
 54 Article 887(F) of the Code of Criminal

1 Procedure, be it more or less  
 2 estimated at \$ 4,057,080    \$ 4,057,080

3 **Program Description:** *The Case Management Information System (CMIS) was created by the Supreme*  
 4 *Court in 1993 to provide a statewide information system for tracking and managing criminal, civil,*  
 5 *juvenile, traffic, and appellate cases as well as protective orders. Data is received from courts statewide,*  
 6 *transferred to the CMIS repository, and made available to courts and executive branch agencies.*  
 7 *Additional information will also be available from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections. CMIS*  
 8 *is funded from a court cost assessed on all criminal and traffic convictions as provided under*  
 9 *C.Cr.P.887(F).*

10 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 96,674,562    \$ 102,492,829

11 MEANS OF FINANCE:  
 12 State General Fund (Direct) \$ 75,438,788    \$ 81,257,055  
 13 State General Fund by:  
 14 Interagency Transfers \$ 9,392,850    \$ 9,392,850  
 15 Statutory Dedications:  
 16 Judges' Supplemental Compensation  
 17 Fund \$ 7,785,844    \$ 7,785,844  
 18 Trial Court Case Management  
 19 Information Fund \$ 4,057,080    \$ 4,057,080

20 TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING \$ 96,674,562    \$ 102,492,829

21 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

22 **Program Description:** *The five courts of appeal, domiciled in Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lake Charles,*  
 23 *New Orleans, and Gretna, have supervisory jurisdiction over all cases arising within their respective*  
 24 *circuits, subject to the general supervisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Each court of appeal also*  
 25 *has appellate jurisdiction over all civil matters, all matters appealed from family and juvenile courts, and*  
 26 *all criminal cases triable by a jury which arise within its circuit, except for those cases appealable directly*  
 27 *to the Supreme Court or to the district courts.*

			<b><u>FY 26 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 REC</u></b>
28	01	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges		
29		and forty-eight (48) Judges of		
30		the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 9,022,841	\$ 9,959,881
31				
32	02	Salaries and expenses of operation		
33		and maintenance of the Court of		
34		appeal, First Circuit	\$ 11,466,595	\$ 14,190,714
35	03	Salaries and expenses of operation		
36		and maintenance of the Court of		
37		appeal, Second Circuit	\$ 6,494,697	\$ 7,640,157
38	04	Salaries and expenses of operation		
39		and maintenance of the Court of		
40		appeal, Third Circuit	\$ 9,876,889	\$ 11,520,614
41	05	Salaries and expenses of operation		
42		and maintenance of the Court of		
43		Appeal, Fourth Circuit	\$ 9,216,537	\$ 10,845,175
44	06	Salaries and expenses of operation		
45		and maintenance of the Court of		
46		Appeal, Fifth Circuit	\$ <u>6,798,850</u>	\$ <u>8,593,725</u>
47		TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ <u>52,876,409</u>	\$ <u>62,750,266</u>

1	MEANS OF FINANCE:		
2	State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 52,876,409	\$ 62,750,266
3	TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u>\$ 52,876,409</u>	<u>\$ 62,750,266</u>

4 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS**  
 5 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

6 ***Program Description:** There are forty-one district courts in Louisiana that have general jurisdiction over*  
 7 *all matters within their territorial limits, except in those judicial districts (the 1st, the 19th, and the 24th*  
 8 *Judicial Districts) where family and juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over certain types of cases*  
 9 *and except in Orleans Parish where there are separate courts exercising civil, criminal, and juvenile*  
 10 *jurisdictions. In certain cases, the forty-one general jurisdiction courts have concurrent jurisdiction with*  
 11 *justices of the peace and parish courts. The district courts generally have appellate jurisdiction of*  
 12 *criminal cases tried by city, parish, municipal, traffic, and mayors' courts, except in certain cases. The*  
 13 *district courts also have appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace in parishes where no parish courts*  
 14 *exist. The Civil District Court of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction of all civil cases in that parish. The*  
 15 *Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction over all criminal cases in that parish. It also*  
 16 *has general supervisory jurisdiction over the municipal and traffic court in Orleans Parish. The Family*  
 17 *Court of East Baton Rouge Parish has exclusive jurisdiction of many domestic cases in that parish. The*  
 18 *four juvenile courts located in Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive*  
 19 *jurisdiction of juvenile cases in their respective parishes.*

		<b><u>FY 26 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 REC</u></b>
20			
21	01 Salaries of two hundred twenty-one		
22	(221) District Judges as provided		
23	by R.S. 13:691	\$ 35,543,471	\$ 39,113,459
24	02 Office and travel expenses of District		
25	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698		
26	and R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ 1,448,650	\$ 1,471,300
27			
28	03 Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters		
29	of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,		
30	including retirement contributions, as		
31	provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$ 114,514	\$ 114,979
32	04 Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans		
33	Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
34	05 State share of Group, Workers'		
35	Compensation, General Liability, and		
36	Property Insurance Premiums as		
37	provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 8,663,498	\$ 9,187,615
38	06 Salaries of two (2) commissioners of		
39	the Nineteenth Judicial District and		
40	one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth		
41	Judicial District as provided by		
42	R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,		
43	respectively	\$ 650,843	\$ 675,343
44	07 Office expenses for the Judicial		
45	Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial		
46	District Court as provided by		
47	R.S. 13:711-713	\$ 483,945	\$ 616,348
48	08 Office expenses for the Judicial		
49	Expense Fund of the Fifteenth		
50	Judicial District Court as provided		
51	by R.S. 13:714-716	\$ 307,831	\$ 321,720
52	09 Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District		
53	Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$ 49,311	\$ 49,311

1	10	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense		
2		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as		
3		provided by Act 57 of 2006	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
4		SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 47,307,063</u>	<u>\$ 51,595,075</u>
5	11	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans		
6		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has</i>		
7		<i>exclusive jurisdiction of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and</i>		
8		<i>offenses committed within the parish of Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law</i>		
9		<i>in some other court. The court, through its magistrate and with assistance from its</i>		
10		<i>commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all felony charges and the</i>		
11		<i>power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge, or to hold</i>		
12		<i>for trial, in all cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of all cases</i>		
13		<i>tried before the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general</i>		
14		<i>supervisory jurisdiction over these courts.</i>		
15	A.	State's share of group insurance		
16		for personnel of Criminal Court		
17		as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 849,145	\$ 904,573
18	B.	Salaries of thirteen (13) minute		
19		clerks as provided by R.S.		
20		13:1373.1	\$ 294,775	\$ 278,349
21	C.	Salaries of twenty-six (26) court		
22		reporters as provided by R.S.		
23		13:1373.1	\$ 460,845	\$ 438,052
24	D.	Salaries of four (4) commissioners		
25		of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish,		
26		including related benefits as		
27		provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 567,412	\$ 578,938
28	E.	Office and travel expenses of		
29		commissioners as provided by		
30		R.S. 13:1347	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,600
31	F.	Salaries of four (4) minute clerks,		
32		one for each commissioner		
33		as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 79,683	\$ 76,113
34	G.	Salaries of four (4) court reporters,		
35		one for each commissioner		
36		as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 58,103	\$ 55,854
37	H.	Salaries of Judicial Administrator,		
38		and assistants, including		
39		related benefits	\$ 1,102,944	\$ 1,155,866
40	I.	Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$ 785,166	\$ 797,217
41	J.	Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$ 227,400	\$ 237,679
42	K.	Sanity Commissions	\$ 58,855	\$ 60,209
43	L.	Board of Jury Commissioners	\$ 449,742	\$ 467,633
44		SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 4,944,670</u>	<u>\$ 5,061,083</u>

1	12	Juvenile and Family Court Judges		
2	A.	Salaries of twelve (12) Juvenile		
3		Court Judges as provided by		
4		R.S. 13:691	\$ 2,110,850	\$ 2,124,769
5	B.	Salaries of four (4) Family Court		
6		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 649,492	\$ 708,256
7	C.	Office and travel expenses of Juvenile		
8		and Family Court Judges as		
9		provided by R.S. 13:698 and		
10		R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ 97,750	\$ 92,000
11		SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 2,858,092</u>	<u>\$ 2,925,025</u>
12		TOTAL EXPENDITURES (District Courts):	<u>\$ 55,109,825</u>	<u>\$ 59,581,183</u>
13		MEANS OF FINANCE:		
14		State General Fund (Direct)	<u>\$ 55,109,825</u>	<u>\$ 59,581,183</u>
15		TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING		
16		(District Courts):	<u>\$ 55,109,825</u>	<u>\$ 59,581,183</u>
17		<b>03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS</b>		
18		<b>REQUIRED BY STATUTE</b>		
19		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The category includes forty-seven city courts, one municipal and traffic court</i>		
20		<i>(New Orleans), and one parish court (Ascension Parish).</i>		
21			<b><u>FY 26 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 REC</u></b>
22	01	Salaries of sixty (60) City Court		
23		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 3,145,602	\$ 3,432,068
24	02	Salaries of seven (7) Municipal and		
25		Traffic and one (1) Parish Court		
26		Judge as provided by R.S. 13:2492		
27		and 2563.5, respectively	<u>\$ 455,923</u>	<u>\$ 497,443</u>
28		TOTAL EXPENDITURES (OTHER COURTS		
29		REQUIRED BY STATUTE)	<u>\$ 3,601,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,511</u>
30		MEANS OF FINANCE:		
31		State General Fund (Direct)	<u>\$ 3,601,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,511</u>
32		TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE (OTHER		
33		COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE)	<u>\$ 3,601,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,511</u>
34		<b>03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT</b>		
35		<b>REQUIRED BY STATUTE</b>		
36			<b><u>FY 26 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 REC</u></b>
37	01	Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective		
38		Care Monitoring Program	\$ 645,551	\$ 700,208
39		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the Orleans</i>		
40		<i>Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of Services Program.</i>		
41	02	Orleans Parish Juvenile Court		
42		Reporters	\$ 121,580	\$ 130,698

1	03 For the expenses of the Judges'		
2	Assistance Program	\$ 61,877	\$ 63,300

3     **Program Description:** *The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to*  
4     *judges with substance abuse problems.*

5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (OTHER COURTS		
6	NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE)	\$ 829,008	\$ 894,206

7	MEANS OF FINANCE:		
8	State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 829,008	\$ 894,206

9	TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE (OTHER		
10	COURTS NOT REQUIRED BY		
11	STATUTE)	\$ 829,008	\$ 894,206

12     Section 2.A. The Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, or his duly authorized  
13     and appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or  
14     for so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the state  
15     general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all other  
16     warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and warrants  
17     for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant provided by this  
18     Act.

19     B. The funds drawn as provided herein shall be deposited in the name of the judiciary  
20     in an approved bank that has been selected by the Louisiana Supreme Court and is located  
21     in the state.

22     C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously  
23     appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest  
24     earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the judiciary;  
25     however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable to the state  
26     general fund on or before September 1, 2027.

27     D. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made in  
28     this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal year  
29     in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved by the  
30     Louisiana Supreme Court.

31     E. The adjustment to be made in the salaries of judicial employees and the number of  
32     authorized positions of the judiciary shall be as decided by the judicial agency affected,  
33     subject to the approval of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved by the  
34     Louisiana Supreme Court.

1 F. The program descriptions contained in this Act are not part of the law and are not  
2 enacted into law by virtue of their inclusion in this Act.

3 G. The inclusion in this Act of staff salaries and benefits for lower court or other judicial  
4 branch agency employees shall not be deemed to create or impose any obligation upon the  
5 State of Louisiana judicial branch, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Judicial Budgetary  
6 Control Board, or the Louisiana Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office relative to  
7 the administration of pay, retirement, or other benefits to any such employees. Accordingly,  
8 the State of Louisiana judicial branch, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Judicial Budgetary  
9 Control Board, and the Louisiana Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office are not to  
10 be considered the "employer" or "employing agency" of lower court or other judicial agency  
11 employees whose staff salaries and other benefits are included in this Act.

12 Section 3. A. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the  
13 State General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total  
14 amount of Twenty Million Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six  
15 (\$20,556,666) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board  
16 or the Louisiana Supreme Court.

17 B. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the State General  
18 Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be increased by a total amount of  
19 Eighteen Million Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Twelve and No/100 (\$18,268,012)  
20 Dollars to be distributed as follows: Five Million Thirty-One Thousand (\$5,031,000) Dollars  
21 for Families in Need of Services; Six Million Four Hundred Eight-Three Thousand Ninety-  
22 Six (\$6,483,096) Dollars for an adjustment to the staff pay plan; and Six Million Seven  
23 Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen (\$6,753,916) Dollars for a salary  
24 increases for justices of the supreme court and judges of the courts of appeal, district courts,  
25 juvenile and family courts, and other courts.

26 Section 4. The sum of Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars is hereby  
27 appropriated from the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Criminal  
28 Justice Priority Fund to the Louisiana Supreme Court for the Integrated Criminal Justice  
29 Information System (ICJIS) in the event that Senate Bill No. 141 of the 2026 Regular  
30 Legislative Session of the Legislature is enacted into law.

1 Section 5. The sum of Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Ninety-Three and No/100  
 2 (\$892,093) Dollars is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund by Statutory  
 3 Dedications out of the Criminal Justice Priority Fund to the Louisiana Supreme Court for  
 4 the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS) in the event that Senate Bill No.  
 5 141 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session of the Legislature is enacted into law.

6 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor  
 7 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 8 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

9 **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT**

10 In accordance with R.S. 39:51(D), the following represents a comparative statement for each  
 11 Court and program. The existing operating budget for FY 2025-2026 is compared to the  
 12 appropriations for FY 2026-2027 as contained in the original bill.

	Existing Operating Budget	Appropriation Request
<u>Courts and Programs</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	<u>FY 2026-2027</u>
<u>By Expenditure:</u>		
Supreme Court	\$ 96,674,562	\$ 102,492,829
Courts of Appeal	\$ 52,876,409	\$ 62,750,266
District Courts	\$ 55,109,825	\$ 59,581,183
Other Courts (statutory)	\$ 3,601,525	\$ 3,929,511
Other Programs (non-statutory)	\$ 829,008	\$ 894,206
Reduction	\$ 0	\$ (20,556,666)
Addition	\$ 0	\$ 18,268,012
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ 209,091,329</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 227,359,341</u></b>
<u>By Means of Finance:</u>		
Total General Fund (Direct)	\$ 187,855,555	\$ 208,412,221
Reduction General Fund (Direct)	\$ 0	\$ (20,556,666)
Additional General Fund (Direct)	\$ 0	\$ 18,268,012
Total Interagency Transfers	\$ 9,392,850	\$ 9,392,850
Total Statutory Dedications	\$ 11,842,924	\$ 11,842,924
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b><u>\$ 209,091,329</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 227,359,341</u></b>

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