Fannin **HB No. 608**

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriates funds for the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

DIGEST

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of $159,030,085 from the following sources: $138,862,434 out of the State General Fund (Direct); $10,670,000 through interagency transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services; and, $9,497,651 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows, subject to the reduction provided for below:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	$74,998,559
(2)	Courts of Appeal	43,480,534
(3)	District Courts	34,143,082
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	5,765,523
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	2,342,586
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	2,801,870
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	645,304
	TOTAL	$164,177,458

Provides that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act shall be reduced by a total amount of $5,147,373 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

Effective July 1, 2011.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Provided for a change in means of financing to decrease State General Fund (Direct) and increase Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services by $10,670,000 for drug court maintenance and enhancement and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

2. Added requirement that appropriations contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of $9,647,373 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the reengrossed bill.

1. Reduces the SGF cut to be implemented by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court from $9.6 million to $5.1 million.

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