
DIGEST

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HB 698 Reengrossed

2018 Regular Session

Henry

Abstract: Appropriates funds for FY 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$180,177,165 from the following sources: \$160,543,390 out of the State General Fund (Direct) [*subject to reduction below*]; and, \$10,240,925 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund, and \$9,392,850 out of Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

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

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$	76,318,355
(2)	Courts of Appeal		48,988,181
(3)	District Courts		39,852,123
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans		6,420,616
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts		2,587,914
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)		3,241,499
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)		697,624
(8)	Non-Judicial State Expenses		<u>2,070,853</u>
	TOTAL	\$	<u>180,177,165</u>

Requires that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$16,588,993, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as provided by the La. Supreme Court.

Effective July 1, 2018.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Provide 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 \$9,392,850 for support of drug courts and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program.
2. Add a requirement that appropriations contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$16,588,993, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as provided by the La. Supreme Court.
3. Remove funding from the District Courts appropriation for various activities, staff, officers, and functions for the Criminal Court for Orleans Parish in the total amount of \$3,731,858.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Restores funding for the District Courts appropriation for various activities, staff, officers, and functions for the Criminal Court for Orleans Parish in the total amount of \$3,731,858.