

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1783 by Representative LeBlanc, et al

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Reduces funding transferred from the Office of Addictive Disorders (DHH) for drug court services from \$10.1 million to \$9.7 million.
2. Adds \$9.7 million in TANF funding transferred from DSS for drug court services, truancy centers and court appointed special advocates.
3. Moves \$2.78 million for truancy centers to the Supreme Court from the Board of Regents.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Section 1 provides funding for the ordinary expenses of the judicial branch of government. Of the \$82,740,223 appropriated to the Judiciary in Section 1 of the Act, \$77,132,383 is from the state general fund, \$4,000,000 is from the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, \$1,597,840 is from the Trial Court Case Management Fund and \$10,000 is from the Patient's Compensation Fund, as follows:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$27,482,179
(2)	Courts of Appeal	27,384,625
(3)	District Courts	20,398,524
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	3,671,735
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	1,560,960
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	1,824,897
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	<u>417,303</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$82,740,223</u>

Section 1 also appropriates funding from the State General Fund for one half year's operations for new judgeships in the Seventeenth, Nineteenth, and Thirtieth Judicial District Courts (JDC), contingent upon passage of legislation in the 2001 Regular Session establishing such judgeships.

Section 3 appropriates \$1,641,983 from the State General Fund for a 5% salary increase for the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of Appeal, Judges of District Courts, for the state-paid salaries of City and Parish Court Judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission on January 23, 2001, pursuant to the adoption of a concurrent resolution in the 2001 R.S. Provides for allocation in accordance with the Compensation Commission recommendation and as approved by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board and the Supreme Court.

Section 3 also appropriates \$51,267 from the State General Fund for a salary increase for Commissioners of the 15th JDC and the 19th JDC in the event that the statutory provisions governing such compensation are revised in the 2001 R.S.

Section 3 also appropriates \$54,854 from the State General Fund for the Commissioners of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in the event that the statutory provisions governing such compensation are revised in the 2001 R.S.

Section 4 provides for transfer of \$9,743,701, be it more or less estimated, from the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Addictive Disorders to the Supreme Court for maintenance and enhancement of drug courts.

Section 5 provides for transfer of \$9,700,000 in TANF funding from the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support to the Supreme Court for the following:

(1) Truancy and Assessment Centers	\$1,100,000
(2) Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$3,600,000
(3) Drug Courts	\$5,000,000

Section 5 also requires that TANF monies be used only for clients eligible for TANF-funded drug court services, truancy and assessment center services, and court-appointed special advocate services, all as specified in the Louisiana State TANF plan. Further, eligible drug court services shall include treatment, assessment, training and other supportive services, except for administrative costs.

Section 6 appropriates \$2,785,000 from the State General Fund for the Supreme Court for truancy centers, previously funded in the Board of Regents.

Effective July 1, 2001.