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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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For business meeting on: November 13, 2020

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**Title**

Report to the Legislature: Allocation of the  
State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust  
Fund

**Agenda Item Type**

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October 1, 2020

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### Executive Summary

Pursuant to Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B), the Judicial Council is required to set aside funds in the Trial Court Trust Fund and allocate them for the trial courts to use for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls. On October 1, 2020, Judicial Council submitted the *Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2019–20* to the Legislature and the Department of Finance.

### Relevant Previous Council Action

These reports are submitted to the Legislature no later than October 1 of each year. Previous reports are available for viewing at [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm).

### Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) (Link A) directs the Judicial Council to establish a process for trial courts to apply for emergency funding and authorizes a reserve of \$10 million in the Trial Court Trust Fund from which the trial courts can apply for that funding.

Subparagraph (C) requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature and to the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made under subparagraph (B). This year's report to the Legislature communicates that no requests were submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in 2019–20.

### **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

There was no fiscal impact during this reporting period because no requests were submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in 2019–20. Had a request been submitted and approved in 2019–20, there would have been a fiscal impact to each court's 2020–21 funding because base allocations would have been reduced on a pro rata basis to replenish the reserve.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Link A: Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B),  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68502.5&lawCode=GOV](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68502.5&lawCode=GOV)



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*Re: Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court  
Trust Fund in 2019–20, as required under Government Code section  
68502.5(c)(2)(C)*

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Ms. Contreras, Ms. Parker, and Ms. Bosler:

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section  
68502.5(c)(2)(B), the Judicial Council is submitting the attached report  
on the requests and allocations of the state-level reserve in the Trial Court  
Trust Fund.

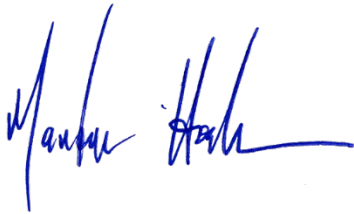
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Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) requires that the Judicial Council set aside funds in the Trial Court Trust Fund that it can allocate to the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls. The trial courts submitted no requests to the Judicial Council in 2019–20; therefore, no data are reported.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Ms. Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-5771.

Sincerely,



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