

# Allocation Methodologies for Potential Future Funding Reductions and Restorations

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Workload Formula policy updates to establish methodologies for:

- Funding reductions
- Funding restoration in same fiscal year
- Funding restoration in future fiscal year

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Need for proposed methodologies:

- Current methodologies do not exist
- Established policies will increase transparency
- Courts can plan for changes in budget

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## Development process:

- Multiple subcommittee and committee meetings beginning in fall 2024
- Various options considered for each recommendation

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## Recommendation #1: Future reduction

- Reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation methodology without reduction limitation
- Calculated on courts' Workload Formula allocation
- Reduction applied based on courts' size and position from the statewide average funding level

# Recommendation #1: Sample Scenario

\$100 million future reduction:

- Establish a 4% band around the statewide average funding level
- Courts within the band receive a proportional share of the reduction
- Courts above the band receive a larger percentage of the reduction than courts within the band
- Courts below the band receive a smaller percentage of the reduction than courts within the band
- Higher funded courts take a larger share of the reduction than lower funded courts

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Recommendation #2: Restoration in same fiscal year

- Allocation methodology based on recalculation of reduction using initial methodology with restored funding

# Recommendation #2: Sample Scenario

\$50 million restoration in same fiscal year:

- \$50 million of \$100 million original reduction restored in same fiscal year
- Same methodology is used and recalculated with revised reduction amount after restoration (\$50 million)
- Methodology in scenario #1 is applied

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## Recommendation #3: Restoration in future fiscal year

- Allocation methodology based on existing Workload Formula policy
- Calculated on Workload Formula “need” amount
- Allocates first 50% of funding to courts under the statewide average and remaining 50% to all courts

# Recommendation #3: Sample Scenario

\$50 million restoration in future fiscal year:

- 50% of restoration (\$25 million) first applied to courts **below** the statewide funding average
- Remaining 50% of restoration (\$25 million) then applied to **all** 58 courts
- Lower funded courts get a larger share of the restoration than higher funded courts
- Budget must specifically identify the funding as a restoration to a reduction in a prior fiscal year