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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. Additionally, the committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's January 19, 2024, business meeting.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee will have met twice between the January 19 and March 15, 2024, Judicial Council meetings.

On February 9, 2024, the committee met to consider the following items:

- (1) An increase to the 2023–24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund allocation for the Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research to provide required education for new judges;

- (2) Access to Visitation Grant Program allocations for federal fiscal years 2024–25 through 2026–27; and
- (3) 2023–24 Allocations for the Dependency Counsel Collections Program and expected unspent program funding.

The committee also had an education session on the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts program and heard an informational item on proposed policy updates to this program that will be effective in fiscal year 2024–25.

On March 15, 2024, the committee will consider the following items:

- (1) 2025–26 Budget Change Concepts for the judicial branch;
- (2) California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program Allocation Methodology; and
- (3) Minimum Operating and Emergency Reserve Policy update for the trial courts.