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Trial Courts | Update to the Children’s Waiting Room Distribution and Fund Balance Policy (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends changes to the Children’s Waiting Room Distribution and Fund Balance Policy to streamline the review process, including eliminating the requirement for annual reporting by courts that have Judicial Council-approved adjustments to their Children’s Waiting Room fund balance caps.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that, effective July 24, 2020, the Judicial Council adopt the following revisions to the Children’s Waiting Room Distribution and Fund Balance Policy:

1. Direct that recommendations to the council on each court’s Children’s Waiting Room request come directly from the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee;
2. Remove the requirement for annual reporting by courts that receive a Children’s Waiting Room cap adjustment; and
3. Direct Judicial Council Budget Services staff to revise forms that meet policy requirements based on action taken by the Judicial Council when considering Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations.