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Report to the Legislature | Transcript Rate Uniformity (Action Required)

Summary

Assembly Bill 177 (Stats. 2021, ch. 257) added section 69950.5 to the Government Code requiring the Judicial Council to provide to the Legislature by January 1, 2024, recommendations to increase uniformity in transcription rate expenditures in California. The law specifies that the intent of the report is not to reduce the rate of pay or overall compensation to reporters or to jeopardize collective bargaining agreements. In response, the Judicial Council's Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee convened the Joint Transcript Fee Working Group and produced the attached report, which recommends that transcript fees be calculated using a page rate rather than the current method of paying per 100 words. The attached report fulfills the legislative mandate.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and the Court Executives Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective November 17, 2023:

1. Approve the recommendations in *Transcript Rate Uniformity: Report to the Legislature Required Under Government Code Section 69950.5*; and
2. Direct the Administrative Director to submit this report to the Legislature.