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Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2022-23 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocation of \$186.7 million for fiscal year 2022-23 from the ongoing Trial Court Trust Fund to the trial courts for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel, and two adjustments to the dependency counsel funding allocation methodology. The allocation may change based on final appropriations included in the signed 2022 Budget Act.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2022:

1. Amend the court-appointed dependency counsel funding allocation methodology as it relates to small court funding adjustments;
2. Clarify the court-appointed dependency counsel funding allocation methodology as it relates to the survey of entry-level county counsel; and
3. Allocate \$186.71 million for fiscal year 2022-23 to the trial courts for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel costs based on the recommended amended methodology.