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### Title

## **Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Increased Transcript Rates (Action Required)**

### Summary

Senate Bill 170 amended the 2021 Budget Act and included \$7 million ongoing General Fund for the Judicial Council to establish a methodology to allocate the funding to all trial courts to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates under Assembly Bill 177 (Stats. 2021, ch. 257). The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a proportional allocation based on the current council-approved methodology of the ongoing \$7 million to all trial courts to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates for 2022-23.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a \$7 million allocation to each trial court proportionally, based on the council-approved methodology updated with the average transcript expenditures from the most recent three fiscal years (i.e., 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22) as outlined in Attachment A, effective September 20, 2022.

This recommendation was presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on August 24, 2022, and approved for consideration by the Judicial Council.