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Title

Trial Court Budget | Update to 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, including an update to the timing of when children's waiting room fund balance cap reductions will occur, removal of language that is no longer relevant, other technical revisions to clarify language in the policy, and the timeline for submissions.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council adopt the following revisions to the Children's Waiting Room Distribution and Fund Balance Policy, effective January 17, 2020:

1. Move the submission requirement from Section A to above Section A of the policy to clarify that the requirement pertains to all types of children's waiting room requests;
2. Change the number of days for submissions from 45 days to 70 business days before the council meeting to allow sufficient time for consideration of requests by the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee and the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee to the council;
3. Change from August to October the distribution month that returns of funds in excess of the children's waiting room fund balance cap be implemented through a reduction to trial court distribution; and
4. Make technical language revisions and clarifications.