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Interim Report on Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Workload and Funding Methodology (No Action Required)

Summary

On April 17, 2015, the Judicial Council approved recommendations of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) to change the methodology used to allocate annual funding for court-appointed dependency counsel among the courts. The purpose was to provide a more equitable allocation of funding among the courts. Rather than using historical funding levels dating back to the adoption of state trial court funding, the new funding methodology is based on the caseload-based calculation of funding for each court provided by the workload model approved by the Judicial Council through the *DRAFT Pilot Program and Court-Appointed Counsel* report of October 26, 2007. One of the recommendations approved by the Judicial Council was that a joint working group of the TCBAC and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee be formed to review that workload model for possible updates and revisions. The joint working group was charged with bringing recommendations to the Judicial Council at the April 2016 meeting. The working group formed is called the Joint Subcommittee on Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Workload and Funding Methodology ("subcommittee"). In an effort to keep the Judicial Council informed of the progress of the subcommittee, particularly as it relates to potential, increased statewide funding needs for dependency counsel, this report presented the draft recommendations of the subcommittee as an informational item.

Speakers

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