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Title

Trial Courts: Children's Waiting Room Policy (Action Required)

Summary

The Judicial Council revised its *Children's Waiting Room (CWR) Distribution and Fund Balance Policy* on June 26, 2015, placing a cap on the amount of fund balance that courts can accumulate. Courts with fund balances that exceed the cap are required to return the amount above the cap to the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) by the end of the fiscal year, unless the council approves a court's request for a cap adjustment. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council approve revisions to the policy to extend the review and adjustment of CWR fund balances from an annual to a biennial schedule.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 24, 2017, approve the following revisions to the *Children's Waiting Room (CWR) Distribution and Fund Balance Policy* to:

1. Extend the review and adjustment of CWR fund balances from an annual to a biennial schedule (ending in odd-numbered fiscal years); and
2. Require annual reporting for courts that retain excess funding for multiyear contracts.