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### **Title**

### **Judicial Branch Administration | Trial Courts: Resource Assessment Study Model Work-Year Value (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a change to the Resource Assessment Study (RAS) model's work year value, which is used to estimate staff full-time equivalents (FTE) needed in the trial courts. The current year value of 1,856 hours (111,360 minutes) was intended to align the Judicial Branch's workload model with model inputs used by other state agencies but lacks a solid empirical foundation for its continued usage within the Judicial Branch. The proposed year value of 1,642.5 hours (98,550 minutes) is based on data collected during the staff time study in 2016. Using the study-derived year value is consistent with the approach taken the previous two times the council approved the RAS model.

#### **Recommendation**

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a staff year value of 1,642.5 hours (98,550 minutes) for use in computing the staff full-time equivalents needed in the trial courts. If approved, this action would take effect immediately and would be used in computing 2019-20 trial court workload formula allocations.

#### **Speakers**

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