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Child Support | Updating Workload Data for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Funding Methodology, Adopting a Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Methodology, and Adopting 2021-22 AB 1058 Program Funding Allocations (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a new funding methodology that is population-based for the Assembly Bill 1058 Family Law Facilitator program to be implemented for 2021-22, consistent with the model that is used to allocate self-help center funding, and continue reallocating funds for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner program using the workload-based funding methodology previously adopted and first implemented in 2019-20 with updated workload data. The committee also recommends approving base and federal drawdown allocations for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioners and Family Law Facilitators for 2021-22. The Judicial Council previously established a joint subcommittee in April 2015 to reconsider and make recommendations regarding the allocation methodology developed in 1997 for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program, as required by AB 1058 (Stats. 1996, ch. 957).

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 9, 2021, take the following actions:

1. Approve a new funding methodology for the AB 1058 Family Law Facilitator program base funding that allocates a \$34,000 baseline level of funding for each court and distributes the remainder of funding by total population as described below and set forth in Attachment A1. The methodology ensures that funding changes are capped at five percent, and smaller courts can continue to operate their programs.
2. Restore the overall AB 1058 program funding to 2018-19 levels, if reflected in the final enacted budget for 2021-22.
3. Approve the committee's recommended base allocation for the Child Support Commissioner program for 2021-22 and 2022-23, as described below and set forth in Attachment B1, maintaining the current funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council in 2019 with updated workload data.
4. Approve the committee's recommendation for 2021-22 AB 1058 program funding for the courts comprised of the base funding allocations derived from recommendations 1 and 3, and federal drawdown funding using the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in January 2019.
5. Direct the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to defer making a recommendation for AB 1058 funding at a minimum service level for smaller courts until 2023-24.
6. Direct the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to review the implementation of the AB 1058 funding methodology, including its impact on the performance of the program as federally mandated, prior to 2023-24.