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Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types (Action Required)

Summary

Senate Bill 170 amended the 2021 Budget Act and included \$30 million ongoing General Fund for the Judicial Council to establish a methodology to allocate the funding to all trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the 2022 Budget Act expanded the use of this funding; however, these changes do not impact how these funds are allocated to the courts. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a proportional allocation of the ongoing \$30 million to all trial courts for 2022-23.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the \$30 million allocation to each trial court as outlined in Attachment A. Furthermore, included in the council's motion to approve the recommendation, the annual reconciliation process shall consider the provisional language contained in the 2022 Budget Act, as follows:

Of the amount appropriated in Schedule (1), \$30,000,000 shall be allocated by the Judicial Council in a manner that ensures all courts are allocated funds to be utilized to increase the number of official court reporters in family and civil law cases. This funding may be used for recruitment and retention purposes, filling existing vacancies, converting part-time positions to full-time positions, increasing salary schedules, and providing signing and retention bonuses to enable trial courts to compete with private employers in the labor market. This funding shall not supplant existing trial court expenditures on court reports in family law and civil law cases. Any unspent funds shall revert to the General Fund.

Speakers

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee