

Senate File 511

H-1480

1 Amend Senate File 511, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
4 and inserting:
5 <Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.
6 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
7 the state to the judicial branch for the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, the
9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
10 to be used for the purposes designated:
11 a. For salaries of supreme court justices,
12 appellate court judges, district court judges, district
13 associate judges, judicial magistrates and staff,
14 state court administrator, clerk of the supreme
15 court, district court administrators, clerks of the
16 district court, juvenile court officers, board of law
17 examiners and board of examiners of shorthand reporters
18 and judicial qualifications commission; receipt and
19 disbursement of child support payments; reimbursement
20 of the auditor of state for expenses incurred in
21 completing audits of the offices of the clerks of the
22 district court during the fiscal year beginning July
23 1, 2011; and maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous
24 purposes:
25 \$154,111,822
26 b. For deposit in the revolving fund created
27 pursuant to section 602.1302, subsection 3, for jury
28 and witness fees, mileage, costs related to summoning
29 jurors, fees for interpreters, and reimbursement of
30 attorney fees paid by the state public defender:
31 \$ 2,300,000
32 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of
33 internal processing, shall use the current state budget
34 system, the state payroll system, and the Iowa finance
35 and accounting system in administration of programs
36 and payments for services, and shall not duplicate the
37 state payroll, accounting, and budgeting systems.
38 3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly
39 financial statements to the legislative services
40 agency and the department of management containing
41 all appropriated accounts in the same manner as
42 provided in the monthly financial status reports and
43 personal services usage reports of the department
44 of administrative services. The monthly financial
45 statements shall include a comparison of the dollars
46 and percentage spent of budgeted versus actual revenues
47 and expenditures on a cumulative basis for full-time
48 equivalent positions and dollars.
49 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the
50 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs,

1 fees, surcharges, or similar amounts.

2 5. The judicial branch shall open the offices of
3 the clerk of the district court in all 99 counties
4 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during each business
5 day the judicial branch is open for business in order
6 to address the relative needs of the citizens of each
7 county.

8 6. In addition to the requirements for transfers
9 under section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not
10 change the appropriations from the amounts appropriated
11 to the judicial branch in this Act, unless notice of
12 the revisions is given prior to their effective date
13 to the legislative services agency. The notice shall
14 include information on the branch's rationale for
15 making the changes and details concerning the workload
16 and performance measures upon which the changes are
17 based.

18 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual
19 update to the legislative services agency specifying
20 the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs
21 collected using the Iowa court information system since
22 the last report. The judicial branch shall continue
23 to facilitate the sharing of vital sentencing and
24 other information with other state departments and
25 governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice
26 system through the Iowa court information system.

27 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to
28 the general assembly by January 1, 2012, concerning
29 the amounts received and expended from the enhanced
30 court collections fund created in section 602.1304 and
31 the court technology and modernization fund created in
32 section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the fiscal year
33 beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, and
34 the plans for expenditures from each fund during the
35 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30,
36 2012. A copy of the report shall be provided to the
37 legislative services agency.

38 9. The judicial branch is encouraged to purchase
39 products from Iowa state industries, as defined in
40 section 904.802, when purchases are required and the
41 products are available from Iowa state industries.
42 The judicial branch shall obtain bids from Iowa state
43 industries for purchases of office furniture during the
44 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, exceeding \$5,000.

45 Sec. 2. CIVIL TRIALS — LOCATION. Notwithstanding
46 any provision to the contrary, for the fiscal year
47 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, if
48 all parties in a case agree, a civil trial including a
49 jury trial may take place in a county contiguous to the
50 county with proper jurisdiction, even if the contiguous

1 county is located in an adjacent judicial district or
2 judicial election district. If the trial is moved
3 pursuant to this section, court personnel shall treat
4 the case as if a change of venue occurred. However,
5 if a trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district
6 or judicial election district, the judicial officers
7 serving in the judicial district or judicial election
8 district receiving the case shall preside over the
9 case.

10 Sec. 3. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding
11 section 602.1509, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
12 2011, a judicial officer may waive travel reimbursement
13 for any travel outside the judicial officer's county of
14 residence to conduct official judicial business.

15 Sec. 4. POSTING OF REPORTS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT —
16 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY. All reports or copies of
17 reports required to be provided by the judicial branch
18 for fiscal year 2011-2012 to the legislative services
19 agency shall be provided in an electronic format. The
20 legislative services agency shall post the reports on
21 its internet website and shall notify by electronic
22 means all the members of the joint appropriations
23 subcommittee on the justice system when a report
24 is posted. Upon request, copies of the reports may
25 be mailed to members of the joint appropriations
26 subcommittee on the justice system.

27 Sec. 5. JUDICIAL OFFICER — UNPAID
28 LEAVE. Notwithstanding the annual salary rates
29 for judicial officers established by 2008 Iowa Acts,
30 chapter 1191, section 11, for the fiscal year beginning
31 July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, the supreme
32 court may by order place all judicial officers on
33 unpaid leave status on any day employees of the
34 judicial branch are placed on temporary layoff status.
35 The biweekly pay of the judicial officers shall be
36 reduced accordingly for the pay period in which the
37 unpaid leave date occurred in the same manner as for
38 noncontract employees of the judicial branch. Through
39 the course of the fiscal year, the judicial branch may
40 use an amount equal to the aggregate amount of salary
41 reductions due to the judicial officer unpaid leave
42 days for any purpose other than for judicial salaries.

43 Sec. 6. IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. It is the
44 intent of the general assembly that the judicial branch
45 utilize the Iowa communications network or other secure
46 electronic communications in lieu of traveling for the
47 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.>

48 2. By renumbering as necessary.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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