

Senate File 616

H-1270

1 Amend Senate File 616, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

5 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
6 to the judicial branch for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, the following amounts, or so
8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
9 designated:

10 a. For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court
11 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,
12 associate juvenile judges, associate probate judges, judicial
13 magistrates and staff, state court administrator, clerk of the
14 supreme court, district court administrators, clerks of the
15 district court, juvenile court officers, board of law examiners
16 and board of examiners of shorthand reporters and judicial
17 qualifications commission; receipt and disbursement of child
18 support payments; reimbursement of the auditor of state for
19 expenses incurred in completing audits of the offices of the
20 clerks of the district court during the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2019; and maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous
22 purposes:

23 \$181,126,293

24 b. For deposit in the revolving fund created pursuant to
25 section 602.1302, subsection 3, for jury and witness fees,
26 mileage, costs related to summoning jurors, costs and fees for
27 interpreters and translators, and reimbursement of attorney
28 fees paid by the state public defender:

29 \$ 3,100,000

30 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of internal
31 processing, shall use the current state budget system, the
32 state payroll system, and the Iowa finance and accounting
33 system in administration of programs and payments for services,
34 and shall not duplicate the state payroll, accounting, and
35 budgeting systems.

1 3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial
2 statements to the legislative services agency and the
3 department of management containing all appropriated accounts
4 in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status
5 reports and personal services usage reports of the department
6 of administrative services. The monthly financial statements
7 shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage
8 spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on
9 a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and
10 dollars.

11 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the
12 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees,
13 surcharges, or similar amounts.

14 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the offices
15 of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties
16 and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably
17 possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens
18 of each county. An office of the clerk of the district court
19 shall be open regular courthouse hours.

20 6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under
21 section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the
22 appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial
23 branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the
24 revisions is given to the legislative services agency prior
25 to the effective date. The notice shall include information
26 on the branch's rationale for making the changes and details
27 concerning the workload and performance measures upon which the
28 changes are based.

29 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update
30 to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of
31 fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa
32 court information system since the last report. The judicial
33 branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital
34 sentencing and other information with other state departments
35 and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice

1 system through the Iowa court information system.

2 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general
3 assembly by January 1, 2020, concerning the amounts received
4 and expended from the enhanced court collections fund created
5 in section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization
6 fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 9, during the
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019,
8 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. A copy
10 of the report shall be provided to the legislative services
11 agency.

12 Sec. 2. CIVIL TRIALS — LOCATION. Notwithstanding any
13 provision to the contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July
14 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, if all parties in a case
15 agree, a civil trial including a jury trial may take place in a
16 county contiguous to the county with proper jurisdiction, even
17 if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial
18 district or judicial election district. If the trial is moved
19 pursuant to this section, court personnel shall treat the case
20 as if a change of venue occurred. However, if a trial is moved
21 to an adjacent judicial district or judicial election district,
22 the judicial officers serving in the judicial district or
23 judicial election district receiving the case shall preside
24 over the case.

25 Sec. 3. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding section
26 602.1509, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and
27 ending June 30, 2020, a judicial officer may waive travel
28 reimbursement for any travel outside the judicial officer's
29 county of residence to conduct official judicial business.

30 Sec. 4. JUDICIAL OFFICER — UNPAID LEAVE. Notwithstanding
31 the annual salary rates for judicial officers established by
32 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 140, section 40, for the fiscal year
33 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, the supreme
34 court may by order place all judicial officers on unpaid leave
35 status on any day employees of the judicial branch are placed

1 \$ 156,016
2 f. Each district judge except the chief judge of a judicial
3 district:
4 \$ 150,444
5 g. Each district associate judge:
6 \$ 133,728
7 h. Each associate juvenile judge:
8 \$ 133,728
9 i. Each associate probate judge:
10 \$ 133,728
11 j. Each judicial magistrate:
12 \$ 41,232
13 k. Each senior judge:
14 \$ 8,915
15 3. Persons receiving the salary rates established
16 under this section shall not receive any additional salary
17 adjustments provided by this Act.>

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