

Senate Study Bill 1262

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1 1 Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH. There is appropriated from
1 2 the general fund of the state to the judicial branch for the
1 3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002,
1 4 the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
1 5 be used for the purposes designated:
1 6 For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court
1 7 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,
1 8 judicial magistrates and staff, state court administrator,
1 9 clerk of the supreme court, district court administrators,
1 10 clerks of the district court, juvenile court officers, board
1 11 of law examiners and board of examiners of shorthand reporters
1 12 and judicial qualifications commission, receipt and
1 13 disbursement of child support payments, reimbursement of the
1 14 auditor of state for expenses incurred in completing audits of
1 15 the offices of the clerks of the district court during the
1 16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and maintenance,
1 17 equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
1 18 \$113,792,166
1 19 1. The judicial branch, except for purposes of internal
1 20 processing, shall use the current state budget system, the
1 21 state payroll system, and the Iowa finance and accounting
1 22 system in administration of programs and payments for
1 23 services, and shall not duplicate the state payroll,
1 24 accounting, and budgeting systems.
1 25 2. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial
1 26 statements to the legislative fiscal bureau and the department
1 27 of management containing all appropriated accounts in the same
1 28 manner as provided in the monthly financial status reports and
1 29 personal services usage reports of the department of revenue
1 30 and finance. The monthly financial statements shall include a
1 31 comparison of the dollars and percentage spent of budgeted
1 32 versus actual revenues and expenditures on a cumulative basis
1 33 for full-time equivalent positions and dollars.
1 34 3. The judicial branch shall continue to assist in the
1 35 development and implementation of a justice data warehouse
2 1 which shall include in the Iowa court information system,
2 2 starting with appointments of counsel made on or after July 1,
2 3 1999, the means to identify any case where the court has
2 4 determined indigence, and whether the case is handled by a
2 5 public defender or other court-appointed counsel.
2 6 4. Of the funds appropriated in this section, not more
2 7 than \$1,897,728 may be transferred into the revolving fund
2 8 established pursuant to section 602.1302, subsection 3, to be
2 9 used for the payment of jury and witness fees and mileage.
2 10 5. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the
2 11 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees,
2 12 surcharges, or similar amounts.
2 13 6. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
2 14 offices of the clerks of the district court operate in all
2 15 ninety-nine counties and be accessible to the public as much
2 16 as is reasonably possible in order to address the relative
2 17 needs of the citizens of each county.
2 18 7. In addition to the requirements for transfers under
2 19 section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the
2 20 appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the branch in
2 21 this Act, unless notice of the revisions is given prior to

2 22 their effective date to the legislative fiscal bureau. The
2 23 notice shall include information on the branch's rationale for
2 24 making the changes and details concerning the work load and
2 25 performance measures upon which the changes are based.

2 26 8. The judicial branch shall provide to the co-
2 27 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations
2 28 subcommittee on the justice system and to the legislative
2 29 fiscal bureau by January 15, 2002, an annual report concerning
2 30 the operation and use of the Iowa court information system and
2 31 any recommendations to improve the utilization of the system.
2 32 The annual report shall include information specifying the
2 33 amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using
2 34 the system and how the system is used to improve the
2 35 collection process. In addition, the judicial branch shall
3 1 submit a semiannual update to the cochairpersons, ranking
3 2 members, and the legislative fiscal bureau specifying the
3 3 amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using
3 4 the Iowa court information system since the last report. The
3 5 judicial branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of
3 6 vital sentencing and other information with other state
3 7 departments and governmental agencies involved in the criminal
3 8 justice system through the Iowa court information system.

3 9 9. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the
3 10 general assembly by January 1, 2002, concerning the amounts
3 11 received and expended from the enhanced court collections fund
3 12 created in section 602.1304 and the court technology and
3 13 modernization fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 4,
3 14 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June
3 15 30, 2001, and the plans for expenditures from each fund during
3 16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30,
3 17 2002.

3 18 10. The judicial branch shall continue to provide criminal
3 19 justice data to the department of corrections for use by the
3 20 Iowa corrections offender network (ICON) data system.

3 21 Sec. 2. JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND. There is appropriated
3 22 from the general fund of the state to the judicial retirement
3 23 fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
3 24 June 30, 2002, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
3 25 necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

3 26 Notwithstanding section 602.9104, for the state's
3 27 contribution to the judicial retirement fund in the amount of
3 28 16.6 percent of the basic salaries of the judges covered under
3 29 chapter 602, article 9:
3 30 \$ 3,207,834

3 31 Sec. 3. INDIGENT DEFENSE COSTS. The supreme court shall
3 32 submit a written report for the preceding fiscal year no later
3 33 than January 1, 2002, indicating the amounts collected for
3 34 recovery of indigent defense costs. The report shall include
3 35 the total amount collected by all courts, as well as the
4 1 amounts collected by each judicial district. The supreme
4 2 court shall also submit a written report quarterly indicating
4 3 the number of criminal and juvenile filings which occur in
4 4 each judicial district for purposes of estimating indigent
4 5 defense costs. A copy of each report shall be provided to the
4 6 public defender, the department of management, and the
4 7 legislative fiscal bureau. The judicial branch shall continue
4 8 to assist in the development of an automated data system for
4 9 use in the sharing of information utilizing the justice data
4 10 warehouse for legislative and executive branch uses.

4 11 Sec. 4. ENHANCED COURT COLLECTIONS FUND DISTRIBUTION.
4 12 Of the moneys collected and deposited in the enhanced court
4 13 collections fund created in section 602.1304 during the fiscal
4 14 year beginning July 1, 2001, \$624,000 is appropriated to and
4 15 shall be expended by the judicial branch for the continued
4 16 implementation of the justice data warehouse. Of the moneys
4 17 appropriated in this section, \$60,000 shall be transferred to
4 18 the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of the

4 19 department of human rights for 1.00 FTE to support the justice
4 20 data warehouse, and \$564,000 shall be transferred to the
4 21 information technology department for lease-purchase costs,
4 22 and other related expenses, concerning the justice data
4 23 warehouse.

4 24 However, the moneys appropriated and transferred pursuant
4 25 to this section shall be reduced to the extent moneys are
4 26 appropriated for the purposes provided in this section to the
4 27 information technology department or the division of criminal
4 28 and juvenile justice planning of the department of human
4 29 rights from moneys made available pursuant to section 8.62.

4 30 EXPLANATION

4 31 This bill makes appropriations for the 2001-2002 fiscal
4 32 year to the judicial branch.

4 33 The bill includes a reduction in the percentage of the
4 34 state's contribution to the judicial retirement fund for FY
4 35 2001-2002.

5 1 The bill provides that the judicial branch shall transfer
5 2 certain moneys in the enhanced court collections fund to the
5 3 division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of the
5 4 department of human rights and the information technology
5 5 department for the continued development of the justice data
5 6 warehouse.

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