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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3187)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to appropriations to the judicial branch.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 134, section 6, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 6. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
5 to the judicial branch for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
6 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so
7 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
8 designated:

9 a. For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court
10 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,
11 associate juvenile judges, associate probate judges, judicial
12 magistrates and staff, state court administrator, clerk of the
13 supreme court, district court administrators, clerks of the
14 district court, juvenile court officers, board of law examiners
15 and board of examiners of shorthand reporters and judicial
16 qualifications commission; receipt and disbursement of child
17 support payments; reimbursement of the auditor of state for
18 expenses incurred in completing audits of the offices of the
19 clerks of the district court during the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2016; and maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous
21 purposes:

22 \$ 85,743,306
23 178,686,612

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 \$ 1,550,000
30 3,100,000

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

1 budgeting systems.

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

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

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

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 prior to their effective date to the
25 legislative services agency. The notice shall include
26 information on the branch's rationale for making the changes
27 and details concerning the workload and performance measures
28 upon which the 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, 2017, 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 7](#), during the
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016,
8 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. A copy
10 of the report shall be provided to the legislative services
11 agency.

12 9. The judicial branch shall emphasize the expansion of
13 family treatment courts on a statewide basis.

14 Sec. 2. ENHANCED COURT COLLECTIONS FUND AND COURT
15 TECHNOLOGY AND MODERNIZATION FUND. Notwithstanding section
16 602.1304, subsection 2, paragraph "c", and section 602.8108,
17 subsection 9, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and
18 ending June 30, 2017, in addition to the purposes specified
19 in section 602.1304, subsection 2, paragraph "c", and in
20 section 602.8108, subsection 9, the moneys in the funds may be
21 used by the judicial branch for operational costs and other
22 miscellaneous purposes and duties.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill makes appropriations to the judicial branch.

27 The bill appropriates from the general fund of the state for
28 FY 2016-2017 to the judicial branch for salaries, maintenance,
29 equipment, and miscellaneous purposes.

30 For FY 2016-2017, the bill allows the judicial branch to
31 use funds in the enhanced court collections fund in Code
32 section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization
33 fund in Code section 602.8108 for operational costs and other
34 miscellaneous purposes and duties in addition to the purposes
35 specified in those Code sections for both funds.