

Senate Study Bill 3215 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SCHNEIDER)

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. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 166, section 9, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 9. 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 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, 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, 2018; and maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous
21 purposes:

22 \$ 87,843,306
23 176,341,120

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, 2019, 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018,
8 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. A copy
10 of the report shall be provided to the legislative services
11 agency.

12 9. The judicial branch in cooperation with the department
13 of corrections, the division of criminal and juvenile justice
14 planning of the department of human rights, and the judicial
15 district departments of correctional services, shall study the
16 effectiveness and recidivism rates of persons assigned to the
17 specialty courts of the judicial branch. The judicial branch
18 shall file a report detailing the cost-effectiveness of the
19 specialty courts including any recommendations with the general
20 assembly and the fiscal services division of the legislative
21 services agency by January 15, 2019.

22 10. The judicial branch shall install and maintain a
23 flagpole on the grounds of the Iowa judicial branch building so
24 the flags of the United States of America and the state of Iowa
25 may be raised in compliance with section 1B.3.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill makes appropriations to the judicial branch.

30 The bill appropriates from the general fund of the state for
31 FY 2018-2019 to the judicial branch for salaries, maintenance,
32 equipment, and miscellaneous purposes.

33 The bill appropriates from the general fund to a revolving
34 fund for the payment of jury and witness fees, mileage, and
35 costs related to summoning jurors.

1 The bill specifies that it is the intent of the general
2 assembly that the offices of the clerks of the district court
3 operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as
4 is reasonably possible.

5 The bill requires the judicial branch in cooperation with
6 the department of corrections, the division of criminal and
7 juvenile justice planning of the department of human rights,
8 and the judicial district departments of correctional services,
9 to study the effectiveness and recidivism rates of persons
10 assigned to the specialty courts of the judicial branch. The
11 judicial branch is required to file a report detailing the
12 cost-effectiveness of the specialty courts including any
13 recommendations with the general assembly and the fiscal
14 services division of the legislative services agency by January
15 15, 2019.

16 The bill requires the judicial branch to install and
17 maintain a flagpole on the grounds of the Iowa judicial branch
18 building so the flags of the United States of America and the
19 state of Iowa may be raised in compliance with Code section
20 1B.3.