HOUSE BILL No. 4308

February 18, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Mortimer, Mead, Toy, Kukuk, Caul, Jellema, Godchaux, Byl, Geiger, Pappageorge, LaSata, Cameron Brown, Jansen and Scranton and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL

A bill to make appropriations for the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to place certain restrictions on the expenditure of these appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officials and employees; to require certain reports; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the judicial branch.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1	PART 1
2	LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS
3	Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill, the
4	amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the judicial branch
5	for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, from the funds indicated
6	in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this
7	part:
8	JUDICIARY

1	APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:	
2	Full-time equated exempted positions 583.0	
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION	226,140,800
4	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
5	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental	
6	transfers	2,304,200
7	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	223,836,600
8	Federal revenues:	
9	Total federal revenues	3,124,600
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Total local revenues	2,434,000
12	Total private revenues	1,716,100
13	Total other state restricted revenues	56,070,700
14	State general fund/general purpose \$	160,491,200
15	Sec. 102. SUPREME COURT	
16	Full-time equated exempted positions 283.0	
17	Supreme court administration118.0 FTE positions \$	13,973,900
18	Judicial institute18.0 FTE positions	2,809,700
19	State court administrative office80.0 FTE	
20	positions	8,675,600
21	Judicial information systems21.0 FTE positions .	4,182,900
22	Direct trial court automation support30.0 FTE	
23	positions	2,496,600
24	Foster care review board12.0 FTE positions	1,198,700
25	Community dispute resolution4.0 FTE positions .	2,372,300
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION	35,709,700
27	Appropriated from:	
28	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
29	IDG from Michigan jobs commission	120,000
30	IDG from MDSP-criminal justice	
31	improvement	1,443,900
32	IDG from MDSP-Michigan justice training	
33	fund	305,500
34	Federal revenues:	
35	DAG, agriculture mediation grant	472,800

1	DOE, special education grant	130,500
2	DOT, national highway safety traffic	
3	administration	217,500
4	DOJ, victims assistance program	50,000
5	HHS, access and visitation grant	404,900
6	HHS, court improvement project	619,300
7	HHS, title IV-D child support program	427,200
8	HHS, title IV-E foster care program	285,800
9	HHS-TANF	516,600
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Local-user fees	2,434,000
12	Private revenues	429,500
13	Private-interest on lawyers trust accounts	715,800
14	Private-Michigan justice institute	500,800
15	Community dispute resolution fees	1,638,100
16	Law exam fees	477,200
17	Miscellaneous revenue	227,900
18	State court fund	319,000
19	State general fund/general purpose \$	23,973,400
20	Sec. 103. COURT OF APPEALS	
21	Full-time equated exempted positions 235.5	
22	Court of appeals operations223.5 FTE positions . \$	18,754,800
23	Delay reduction12.0 FTE positions	950,000
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	19,704,800
25	Appropriated from:	
26	Special revenue funds:	
27	Court filing/motion fees	1,571,000
28	Miscellaneous revenue	77,800
29	State general fund/general purpose \$	18,056,000
30	Sec. 104. JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION	
31	Full-time judges positions 611.0	
32	Supreme court justices' salaries7.0 judges \$	975,100
33	Court of appeals judges' salaries28.0 judges	3,588,400
34	District court judges' state base salaries259.0	
35	judges	18,463,700

1	District court judicial salary standardization	11,842,500
2	Probate court judges' state base salaries107.0	
3	judges	7,029,100
4	Probate court judicial salary standardization	4,332,800
5	Circuit court judges' state base salaries210.0	
6	judges	15,637,000
7	Circuit court judicial salary standardization	9,228,000
8	Judges' retirement system defined contributions .	1,800,000
9	OASI, social security	4,002,600
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	76,899,200
11	Appropriated from:	
12	Special revenue funds:	
13	Court fee fund	6,065,600
14	State general fund/general purpose \$	70,833,600
15	Sec. 105. JUDICIAL AGENCIES	
16	Full-time equated exempted positions 10.0	
17	Judicial tenure commission10.0 FTE positions \$	953,700
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION	953,700
19	Appropriated from:	
20	State general fund/general purpose \$	953,700
21	Sec. 106. INDIGENT DEFENSE - CRIMINAL	
22	Full-time equated exempted positions 54.5	
23	Appellate public defender program-46.5 FTE	
24	positions	4,618,400
25	Appellate assigned counsel administration8.0 FTE	
26	positions	877,600
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	5,496,000
28	Appropriated from:	
29	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
30	IDG from MDSP-Michigan justice training	
31	fund	434,800
32	Special revenue funds:	
33	Private-interest on lawyers trust accounts	70,000
34	Miscellaneous revenue	113,100
35	State general fund/general purpose \$	4,878,100

1	Sec. 107. INDIGENT CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE
2	Indigent civil legal assistance \$ 7,337,000
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION
4	Appropriated from:
5	Special revenue funds:
6	State court fund
7	State general fund/general purpose \$ 0
8	Sec. 108. TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS
9	Court equity fund reimbursements \$ 69,840,400
10	Hold harmless fund reimbursements
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION
12	Appropriated from:
13	Special revenue funds:
14	Court equity fund
15	State general fund/general purpose \$ 41,796,400
16	Sec. 109. GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
17	Drunk driving caseflow program \$ 2,000,000
18	Drug caseflow program
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION \$ 2,200,000
20	Appropriated from:
21	Special revenue funds:
22	Drug fund
23	Drunk driving fund
24	State general fund/general purpose \$ 0
25	PART 2
26	PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
27	GENERAL SECTIONS
28	Sec. 201. (1) Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
29	constitution of 1963, total state spending under part 1 for fiscal year
30	1999-2000 is \$216,561,900.00 and state appropriations to be paid to
31	local units of government are as follows:
32	JUDICIARY
33	SUPREME COURT
34	State court administrative office \$ 511,900
35	TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS

1	Court equity fund reimbursements 69,840,400
2	Hold harmless fund reimbursement 8,000,000
3	JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION
4	District court judicial salary
5	standardization
6	Probate court judges' state base salaries 7,029,100
7	Probate court judicial salary standardization 4,332,800
8	Circuit court judicial salary standardization 9,228,000
9	GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
10	Drunk driving caseflow program
11	Drug caseflow program
12	Total
13	(2) If it appears to the principal executive officer of a
14	department or branch that state spending to local units of government
15	will be less than the amount that was projected to be expended under
16	subsection (1), the principal executive officer shall immediately give
17	notice of the approximate shortfall to the state budget director.
18	Sec. 202. (1) The expenditures and funding sources authorized
19	under this bill are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA
20	431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.
21	(2) Funds appropriated in part 1 to an entity within the judicial
22	branch shall not be expended or transferred to another account without
23	written approval of the authorized agent of the judicial entity. If
24	the authorized agent of the judicial entity notifies the state budget
25	director of its approval of an expenditure or transfer, the state
26	budget director shall immediately make the expenditure or transfer.
27	The authorized judicial entity agent shall be designated by the chief
28	justice of the supreme court.
29	Sec. 203. As used in this bill:
30	(a) "DAG" means the United States department of agriculture.
31	(b) "DOE" means the United States department of education.
32	(c) "DOJ" means the United State department of justice.
33	(d) "DOT" means the United States department of transportation.

(e) "FTE" means full-time equated position.

(f) "HHS" means the United States department of health and human

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- 1 services.
- 2 (q) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.
- 3 (h) "MDSP" means the Michigan department of state police.
- 4 (i) "OASI" means old age survivor's insurance.
- 5 (j) "TANF" means temporary assistance for needy families.
- 6 Sec. 204. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
- 7 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for federal
- 8 contingency funds.
- 9 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
- 10 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for state restricted
- 11 contingency funds.
- 12 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
- 13 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local contingency
- 14 funds.
- 15 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
- 16 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private
- 17 contingency funds.
- 18 (5) A transfer of contingency funds within the judicial branch
- 19 shall not be made by the authorized agent of the judicial entity unless
- 20 approved by both appropriations committees. If the state budget
- 21 director does not approve contingency fund transfers adopted by both
- 22 appropriations committees under this section, the state budget director
- 23 shall notify the appropriations committees of his or her action within
- 24 15 days.

25 JUDICIAL BRANCH

- 26 Sec. 301. (1) The direct trial court automation support program of
- 27 the state court administrative office shall recover direct and overhead
- 28 costs from trial courts by charging for services rendered. The fee
- 29 shall cover the actual costs incurred to the direct trial court
- 30 automation support program in providing the service. A report of
- 31 amounts collected in excess of funds identified as user service charges
- 32 in part 1 shall be submitted to the state budget director and to the
- 33 house and senate appropriations subcommittees on judiciary and general
- 34 government, respectively, 30 days before expenditure by the direct
- 35 trial court automation support program.
- 36 (2) From funds appropriated in part 1, the direct trial court

- 1 automation support program of the state court administrative office
- 2 shall provide to the state budget director, the senate and house
- 3 appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies
- 4 before January 1 of each year, a detailed list of user service charges
- 5 collected during the immediately preceding state fiscal year.
- 6 Sec. 302. Funds appropriated within the judicial branch shall not
- 7 be expended by any component within the judicial branch without the
- 8 approval of the supreme court.
- 9 Sec. 303. Of the amount appropriated in part 1 for the judicial
- 10 branch, \$325,000.00 is allocated for circuit court reimbursement under
- 11 section 3 of 1978 PA 16, MCL 800.453, and \$186,900.00 is allocated for
- 12 court of claims reimbursement under section 6413 of the revised
- 13 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6413.
- 14 Sec. 304. The judicial branch shall cooperate with the auditor
- 15 general regarding audits of the judicial branch conducted pursuant to
- 16 section 53 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.
- 17 Sec. 305. To avoid the overexpenditure of funds appropriated under
- 18 this bill, the supreme court shall report quarterly to the state budget
- 19 director and to the judiciary subcommittee of the house and senate
- 20 appropriations committees regarding the status of the accounts set
- 21 forth in part 1.
- 22 Sec. 306. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used to pay
- 23 directly or by reimbursement the annual dues for membership in the
- 24 state bar of Michigan of a judge, justice, or other employee of the
- 25 judicial branch.
- 26 Sec. 307. (1) The chief financial officer of a funding unit for a
- 27 court, in cooperation with the local court, shall provide to the state
- 28 treasurer and state court administrative office by January 1, 2000
- 29 audited accounts of all money due and owing the court as of September
- 30 30, 1999. Where audited accounts are not available, the chief
- 31 financial officer of a funding unit for a court may provide estimates
- 32 as long as they are clearly marked as "estimated".
- 33 (2) The state treasurer shall report to the legislature a
- 34 compilation of the estimated accounts receivable of all courts and
- 35 cumulative totals by March 1, 2000. This report is a public record.
- 36 Sec. 308. If sufficient funds are not available from the court fee

- 1 fund to pay judges' compensation, the difference between the
- 2 appropriated amount from that fund for judges' compensation and the
- 3 actual amount available after the amount appropriated for trial court
- 4 reimbursement is made shall be appropriated from the state general fund
- 5 for judges' compensation.

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