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Senate Bill 249 (as introduced)

[Vehicle for Governor's Recommendation line items is Senate Bill 307.](#)

Committee: Appropriations

FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$261,904,000
Changes from FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date:	
1. Judicial Technology Improvement Fund. The Governor included an increase to reflect increased revenue. This fund supports the Judicial Data Warehouse and the trial court case management system.	350,000
2. Drunk Driving Case-flow Program. The Governor included an increase in this line item to reflect increased revenue. Funds are distributed to trial courts.	300,000
3. Pilot Mental Health Court Programs. The Governor eliminated funding for this pilot program.	(550,000)
4. General Fund Reductions. The Governor included a 2% General Fund reduction affecting the following line items: \$253,600 in Supreme Court Administration; \$50,900 for the Judicial Institute; \$139,600 for the State Court Administrative Office; \$60,000 for judicial information systems; \$17,500 for the Foster Care Review Board; \$16,000 for drug treatment courts; \$415,300 for Court of Appeals operations; \$20,400 for the Judicial Tenure Commission; \$92,400 for the appellate public defender program; \$16,600 for appellate assigned counsel administration; and \$342,000 for Court Equity Fund reimbursements.	(1,424,300)
5. Economic Adjustments. These include increases for worker's compensation and building occupancy charges, and \$1.0 million for employee economics.	1,164,700
6. Other Changes. These include increases for OASI and social security for judges, as well as an increase in defined contribution costs for newly elected judges.	338,800
Total Changes	\$179,200
FY 2009-10 Governor's Recommendation	\$262,083,200

Changes from FY 2008-09 Year to Date:

1. **Communication with the Legislature.** The Governor removed language prohibiting the judicial branch from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the Legislature or his or her staff. (Sec. 204)
2. **Retention of Reports.** The Governor removed the section requiring the judicial branch to retain reports and records. (Sec. 212)
3. **Reporting Requirement.** The Governor removed language requiring the judicial branch to report on each specific policy change made to implement enacted legislation. The section also prohibits the use of funds in Part 1 to prepare regulatory plans or promulgate rules that fail to reduce the disproportionate economic impact on small businesses pursuant to MCL 24.240. (Sec. 216)
4. **Travel Restrictions.** The Governor removed this section prohibiting the judicial branch from sending more than 1 employee to the same out-of-state conference or seminar. (Sec. 218)
5. **Auditor General.** The Governor removed language requiring the judicial branch to cooperate with the Auditor General regarding audits of the judicial branch. (Sec. 304)
6. **Quarterly Reports.** The Governor removed the section requiring quarterly reports on revenues and expenditures. (Sec. 305)
7. **Pilot Mental Health Courts.** The Governor removed language requiring the State Court Administrative Office to work with the Department of Community Health to develop guidelines for pilot mental health courts, and requiring trial courts to work with local community mental health programs to apply for funding for these pilot courts. (Sec. 309)
8. **Parental Rights Restoration Act.** The Governor removed the reporting requirement for the number of petitions filed and granted under this act. (Sec. 312)

Date Completed: 2-19-09

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