

FY 2025-26 JUDICIARY BUDGET

S.B. 170 (S-1): SENATE APPROPRIATIONS REC.

(as reported)

Committee: Appropriations

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FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE*	FY 2025-26 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS REC.	CHANGES FROM FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions	643.5	684.5	41.0	6.4
GROSS	373,441,400	395,299,200	21,857,800	5.9
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received	2,402,300	1,902,300	(500,000)	(20.8)
ADJUSTED GROSS	371,039,100	393,396,900	22,357,800	6.0
Less:				
Federal Funds	7,132,600	7,270,900	138,300	1.9
Local and Private	1,905,300	1,906,400	1,100	0.1
TOTAL STATE SPENDING	362,001,200	384,219,600	22,218,400	6.1
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds	95,887,300	96,645,800	758,500	0.8
GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE	266,113,900	287,573,800	21,459,900	8.1
PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	153,885,500	154,638,900	753,400	0.5

*As of February 5, 2025.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date:

- 1. Contingency Fund Spending Authority.** The Senate included contingency fund authority for Federal funds (\$2.5 million), Restricted funds (\$2.5 million), and Private funds (\$500,000). (Sec. 210)
- 2. General Sections Standardization.** The Senate standardized or added several sections in the 200s. Those include Secs (205, 211, 221, 222, 223, 224) and concern expenditure reporting, marginalized community access, work project spending, unenforceable boilerplate, and impact of federal policies.
- 3. Problem Solving Courts.** References to drug treatment courts, mental health courts, and veterans courts were replaced with “problem solving courts”. Impacts sections 304, 307, and 314.
- 4. New Sections.** The Senate added a section recognizing the Judiciary as a separate branch of government (Sec. 309), a one-time section for an innocence project grant (Sec. 401), a one-time section for the Judicial Tenure Commission backlog (Sec. 402), and a one-time section for lifer resentencing costs (Sec. 403).

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FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date Appropriation		\$373,441,400	\$266,113,900		
		CHANGE FROM FY 2024-25 Y-T-D		FY 2025-26 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	
		Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<u>Baseline Adjustments</u>					
1. Statutory Judgeship Changes. The Senate included funding for two additional circuit court judges as per statute.		539,200	123,500	127,964,500	124,936,300
2. Collectively Bargained Salary Adjustment for State Appellate Defender Office (SADO). The Senate included funding for pay increases up to 4% for UAW-represented employees. This was in addition to cost-of-living adjustments included in defined calculations.		488,500	488,500	22,250,300	20,775,700
3. Michigan Legal Help Program. The Senate included salary increases based on an outside review and increased IT costs.		400,000	400,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
4. Drug Court Case Management System Contractual Increase. The Senate included increased contractual costs to maintain the system.		265,000	265,000	20,836,300	14,865,800
5. Non-Exclusively Represented Salary Adjustment for SADO. The Senate included funding a base 2% increase for non-represented staff in addition to cost-of-living adjustments included in defined calculations.		102,500	102,500	22,250,300	20,775,700
6. Problem Solving Courts Federal Funds Adjustment. The Senate increased spending authority for available Federal Highway Safety Funds.		100,000	0	20,836,300	14,865,800
7. Removal of Prior Year Justices' Salary Increase. The Senate removed prior-year pay increases that could not be added after House Concurrent Resolution 6 was not approved by the Senate in the prior legislative session.		(166,600)	(166,600)	1,270,500	1,270,500
8. Economic Adjustments. Includes \$5,951,700 Gross and \$5,747,000 GF/GP for total economic adjustments.		5,951,700	5,747,000	N/A	N/A
<u>New Programs/Program Increases</u>					
9. Statewide Case Management System. The Senate included an ongoing increase for the continued expansion of the statewide system, including 12.0 additional FTEs.		7,200,000	7,200,000	12,946,200	20,699,100

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	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
10. State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) HR & Finance Support Staff. The Governor included funding and 5.0 FTEs for Human Resources and 2.0 FTEs for Finance to implement recommendations from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The requested increase also included \$2.6 million for quadrennial audits of local trial courts. The Senate funded the total request at \$2.7 million.	2,708,900	2,708,900	16,900,000	11,354,700
11. SADO Workload Standards. The Senate included an increase for year two of a phased plan developed by NCSC to meet workload assessment needs. The increase allows for 12.0 FTEs for attorneys and support staff for SADO.	2,325,000	2,325,000	22,250,300	20,775,700
12. Problem Solving Courts Expansion. The Senate included funding for economic increases for health workers and trial courts, 2.0 FTEs for oversight in SCAO, and to establish new programs, as needed. The Senate's recommendation is \$84,000 less than the Governor's recommendation.	1,500,000	1,500,000	20,836,300	14,865,800
13. Judges and Staff Training. The Senate included funding and 3.0 FTEs to expand training provided to judges and court staff.	533,700	533,700	N/A	N/A
14. SCAO Courts and Program Support Staff. The Senate included 3.0 FTEs for the Michigan Judicial Institute to expand training opportunities for judges and court staff.	532,500	355,000	N/A	N/A
15. Judiciary Grants Officer. The Senate included 1.0 FTE to research, apply for, and administer Federal and Private grants.	210,000	210,000	N/A	N/A
16. Judicial Opinion Reporting Staff. The Senate included 1.0 FTE to assist with timely reporting of publishable opinions.	167,400	167,400	N/A	N/A
<u>Eliminations/Reductions - NONE</u>				
<u>One-Time Appropriations</u>				
17. Innocence Grant. The Senate included a onetime grant to the University of Michigan School of Law Innocence clinic for enhanced representation of the wrongfully convicted.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
18. Judicial Tenure Commission Backlog. The Senate included additional GF/GP as a work project to reduce the Commission's judicial complaint backlog.	499,900	499,900	N/A	N/A

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	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
19. SADO Lifer Resentencing. The Senate included a placeholder in anticipation of increased resentencing costs due to recent Supreme Court decisions.	100	100	N/A	N/A
20. Removal of FY 2024-25 One-Time Appropriations. Prior year one-time appropriations for a Status Offender program, an Eviction Diversion program, a License Renewal program, and an Oral Fluid Testing program were removed.	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0
Total Changes	\$21,857,800	\$21,459,900		
FY 2025-26 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS REC.	\$395,299,200	\$287,573,800		

Date Completed: 5-6-25

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		Gov Changes to FY 2024-25			Senate Changes to FY 2024-25		
Item #	Budget Area/Line Items	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP
JUDICIARY							
Ongoing Changes							
1	Statutory judgeship changes	0.0	539,200	123,500	0.0	539,200	123,500
2	SADO salary adjustments - collectively bargained	0.0	488,500	488,500	0.0	488,500	488,500
3	SADO salary adjustments - non-exclusively represented	0.0	102,500	102,500	0.0	102,500	102,500
4	Michigan legal help program cost increase	0.0	400,000	400,000	0.0	400,000	400,000
5	Drug court case management system contractual increase	0.0	265,000	265,000	0.0	265,000	265,000
6	Justice salary increase not approved	0.0	(166,600)	(166,600)	0.0	(166,600)	(166,600)
7	Federal funds adjustment for problem solving courts	0.0	100,000	0	0.0	100,000	0
8	Continued rollout - statewide case management system	12.0	7,200,000	7,200,000	12.0	7,200,000	7,200,000
9	SCAO HR/Finance staff support recommendation from NCSC	7.0	3,839,300	3,839,300	7.0	2,708,900	2,708,900
10	Problem-solving courts - costs support	2.0	1,584,000	1,584,000	2.0	1,500,000	1,500,000
11	SADO workload standards increase	12.0	2,325,000	2,325,000	12.0	2,325,000	2,325,000
12	Judiciary grant officer	1.0	210,000	210,000	1.0	210,000	210,000
13	Training for judges and court staff	3.0	533,700	533,700	3.0	533,700	533,700
14	Judicial opinion reporting staff	1.0	167,400	167,400	1.0	167,400	167,400
15	SCAO court programs/trial court ops staff support	3.0	532,500	355,000	3.0	532,500	355,000
16	Judges salaries - HB 4161						
17	Remove remainder of Judiciary budget - HB 4161						
18	Unclassified salaries	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0
19	Economic adjustments	0.0	5,951,700	5,747,000	0.0	5,951,700	5,747,000
Subtotal - Ongoing		41.0	24,072,200	23,174,300	41.0	22,857,800	21,959,900
One-Time Changes							
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2	Innocence project grant				0.0	1,000,000	1,000,000
3	Judicial tenure commission backlog				0.0	499,900	499,900
4	SADO lifer resentencing				0.0	100	100
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13	Remove FY25 one-time and supplemental appropriations	0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)
Subtotal - One-Time		0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(1,000,000)	(500,000)
TOTAL JUDICIARY		41.0	21,572,200	21,174,300	41.0	21,857,800	21,459,900