

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice offers the following substitute to HB 5:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to change provisions relating to compensation of juvenile court judges; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-11-52, relating to terms and compensation of judges, as follows:

"(c) Out of funds appropriated to the judicial branch of government, the state shall contribute toward the salary of ~~the judges on a per circuit basis~~ each juvenile court judgeship in the following amounts; provided, however, that the number of state-paid juvenile court judgeships in this state shall not exceed the number of such judgeships which exist on the effective date of this subsection:

(1) Each circuit with one or more juvenile court judges who are not superior court judges assuming the duties of juvenile court judges shall receive a state ~~base~~ grant of ~~\$85,000.00~~ \$100,000.00;

~~(2) In addition to this base amount, each circuit which has more than four superior court judges shall be eligible for additional state grants. For each superior court judge who exceeds the base of four judges, the circuit shall be eligible for an additional grant in an amount equal to one-fourth of the base amount of the state grant;~~

~~(3)~~(2) In circuits where the superior court judges elect to use the state grant for one or more part-time judges, the amount of the state grant shall be as follows:

(A) For each part-time judge who works one day
 weekly \$17,000.00 \$20,000.00

(B) For each part-time judge who works two days
 weekly 34,000.00 40,000.00

(C) For each part-time judge who works three
 days weekly 51,000.00 60,000.00

(D) For each part-time judge who works four
 days weekly ~~68,000.00;~~ 80,000.00; and

~~provided, however, that a grant for one or more part-time judges shall not exceed the
 amount the circuit is eligible for in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
 subsection; and~~

~~(4)~~(3) All state grants provided by this subsection shall be spent solely on salaries for
 juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-11-54, relating
 to the administration and expenses of juvenile courts, as follows:

"(c) Except for state ~~base~~ grants provided by Code Section 15-11-52, all expenditures of
 the court are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury
 with the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county or
 counties for which the juvenile court judge is appointed."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, only if funds are appropriated for purposes
 of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted at the 2017 regular session of the General
 Assembly. If funds are not so appropriated, then this Act shall not become effective and
 shall stand repealed on July 1, 2017.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.