2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, BARRAS, BROADWATER, FOIL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, LEGER, AND MAGEE AND SENATORS ALARIO AND LAFLEUR

1		AN ACT					
2	To appropriate funds to defray the ex	xpenses of th	ne Louisiar	na Judiciary,	including the		
3	Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal,	District Cour	ts, Crimina	al District Co	urt of Orleans		
4	Parish, and other courts; and to provide for related matters.						
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Loui	siana:					
6	Section 1.A. The sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Million Three Hundred Ninety-						
7	Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine No/100 (\$187,394,369.00) Dollars, or so much						
8	thereof as may be necessary, is hereby a	ppropriated t	o defray th	e expenses of	f the judiciary,		
9	including the Supreme Court, Courts o	f Appeal, the	District C	ourts, the Cri	minal District		
10	Court of Orleans Parish, and of the other	er courts.					
1	B. The total amount herein appropri	riated is herel	by allocated	d to provide a	as follows:		
12	03-8170 SUPREME COURT						
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Program Description: The Supreme Cou over all lower courts. It may establish proceedings of the lower courts as temporary or ad hoc judges. It constituted individual cases, and has criminal and other Court has exclusive original jurisdiction lawyers, recommendations of the Judicial discipline of judges, and fact questions afficient authority to regulate the legal proceeding the Code of Judicial Conduct. The court als Judicial College and works to improve the Mission Statement: The mission of the Suprement authority.	edural and adn g or retired jud le by rule for appiders application er appellate jury of disciplinary commission ecting its appell of provides judicadministration	ninistrative rudge to any contingents of one for writs is diction. The yproceeding of Louisian date jurisdiction of training the of justice.	ules not in pourt. The fattorneys to review e Supreme as against na for the on. It has not update arough the			
25 26 27 28 29	and promote the rule of law, to ensure efficiently, to ensure the highest profession of both the bench and the bar, and to e performance of all courts under its author.	public trust, to al conduct, inte ensure the prop	o use public egrity, and co	resources ompetence			
30	Goal: To protect the rule of law.						
31 32 33 34 35 36	Objective: To provide a reasonable oppor Supreme Court of decisions made by lower <i>General Performance Information:</i>	r tribunals.					
, , , }5	Total Filings	2014 2,716	2015 2,365	2016 2,283			
36	Total Pungs Total Appeals Filed	12	2,303	9			
37	Total Writs Filed	2,496	2,172	2,092			

2,592

2,486

2,142

Total Dispositions Rendered

1	Goal: To promote the rule of law.				
2	Objective: To resolve cases in a timely mann	ner.			
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	General Performance Information:				
4		2014	2015	2016	
5	Percentage of noncriminal case				
6	applications acted on within Supreme				
7	Court standard of 120 days of filing	91.8%	97.1%	94.1%	
8	Percentage of criminal case applications				
9	acted on within Supreme Court				
	standard of 120 days of filing	30.7%	36.1%	48.7%	
11	Percentage of pro se post conviction				
12	applications acted on within Supreme				
13	Court standard of 120 days of filing	2.1%	3%	26%	
14	Percentage of bar disciplinary filings				
15	acted upon within Supreme Court	0.5.00/	0.50 /	0.2 (0.4	
16	standard of 120 days of filing	95.2%	97%	93.6%	
17	Percentage of opinions rendered within				
18	Supreme Court standard of 84 days				
19	from argument	81.5%	75.8%	66.7%	
20	Goal: To ensure the public trust.				
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21 22	Objective: To facilitate public access to Supr	reme Court	decisions.		
22	General Performance Information:	2014	2015	2017	
23 24	Donagatage of with a serial and 1111	2014	2015	2016	
24 25	Percentage of written opinions available	1000/	1000/	1000/	
∠ <i>3</i>	to the public within 5 days of decision	100%	100%	100%	
26	Objective: To inform the public of operation	s and activi	ties.		
27	General Performance Information:				
28		2014	2015	2016	
29	Number of outreach programs	58	100	60	
30	Number of media releases on court decisions	64	66	78	
30 31	Number of media releases on other matters	25	17	24	
32	Number of recipients of releases on				
33	court decisions	1,485	1,632	1,775	
33 34	Number of recipients of releases on other	1,705	1,032	1,775	
35	matters	3,633	4,700	6,010	
		0,000	1,7.00	0,010	
36	Objective: To ensure the highest professional	conduct, in	tegrity, and co	ompetence	
37	of the bench.				
38	General Performance Information:				
39		2014	2015	2016	
40	Average number of hours acquired				
41	through continuing legal education				
42	per judge	33.59	34.25	30.08	
43	Number of complaints filed against				
44	judges and justices of the peace	495	529	545	
45	Number of complaints against judges				
46	and justices of the peace resolved or				
47	disposed of in the calendar year	477	601	582	
48					
49	Objective: To ensure the highest professional	conduct in	itearity and a	mnetence	
50	of the bar.	Conduct, II	itogrity, and CC	mpetence	
51	General Performance Information:				
52	General Legormance Injointation.	2014	2015	2016	
52 53	Average number of hours acquired through	2017	2013	2010	
54	continuing legal education per lawyer	14.92	15.12	15.08	
54 55	Number of complaints filed against lawyers	3,040	2,950	2,922	
56	Number of complaints filed against lawyers Number of complaints filed against lawyers	5,040	2,930	2,722	
57	resolved or disposed of in calendar year	3,140	3,046	2,673	
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58	Payable out of the State General Fund (Di	rect):			
59	O1 Salaries of one (1) Chief Justic	a and sir	(6)		
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60	Associate Justices of the Supre	eme Cour	t,		
61	as provided by R.S. 13:102				\$1,125,

1 2 3	02	Salaries and other expenses of the Supreme Court Proper and salary of the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$	10,654,654
4 5 6 7 8	03	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's Office and of the Judiciary Commission provided for in Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of Louisiana and under the provisions of R.S. 13:32 et seq.		
9	A	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's Office	\$	5,278,486
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	admini of Loui oreatio Admini admini human Manag judgesi courts,	am Description: The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Stration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the siana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes remote of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justrator's Office provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Justration of a judicial retirement system; support for the Supreme Court resource system; technological services to courts; and, manages the system, monitors cases under advisement, provides outreach services the Committee on Judicial Ethics, and performs numerous legal seand the Judiciary.	Judicia commer ustice. diciary rt and A the Tri o manag ices to	ry Commission adations for the Tudicial including the pellate Court in Court case ges the ad hoc state and local
21	В.	Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$	2,068,854
22 23 24 25 26	under 2 compla	am Description: The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitute Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investints of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommendature, suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of duct.	estigate, l to the	and prosecute Supreme Court
27	C.	Court Reporters; Statistical Reporting Systems	\$	420,020
28	D	. Dues to National Center for State Courts	\$	158,650
29 30	04	Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, as per Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX	\$	3,000
31 32 33 34	05	Compensation and expenses of retired judges assigned under Article V, Section 5(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, be it more or less estimated at	\$	1,416,000
35 36 37	06	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries, services, supplies, maintenance, repairs, and equipment	\$	2,060,337
38 39	_	nm Description: The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal inform ry, and is open to members of the bar and public.	ation ne	
40 41 42 43	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred judges assigned under Article V, Section 5(A) of the Constitution, be it more or less estimated as	\$	146,663
44 45 46 47	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by justices and judges of all courts, as provided by R.S. 11:1358 and R.S. 13:103	\$	1,365,669
48 49 50 51	09	Pensions for widows of justices and judges of all courts, as provided by R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it more or less estimated at	\$	1,469,984

1	10	Judicial College	\$	303,725
2 3		am Description: The Judicial College was established by order of tide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.	the Supreme	e Court in 1976
4 5 6 7 8	11	State contribution to judicial retirement provided for in Article V, Section 23 of the Constitution and R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or less estimated at	\$	19,013,380
9 10	12	Civil commitment matters as required by R.S. 28:54	\$	204,000
11 12	13	Paul M. Hebert Law Center for the expenses of storage of appellate court records	\$	60,000
13 14 15 16	14	Funding for statewide operations of the Louisiana Protective Order Registry (R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case Management Information System	\$	1,368,548
17	15	Information Technology	\$	1,104,532
18 19 20	16	Payable out of the State General Fund for the expenses associated with the operation of the Families in Need of Services Program (FINS)	\$	2,354,780
21 22 23 24 25 26	by deve manda cases; c reporti	am Description: The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to deloping and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; develoing the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and developing and mandating the use of programmatic standards; develop performance indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring all accountability; and, generally supervising and assisting local FIN	loping, imp d reporting eloping, imp gperiodic fis	lementing, and FINS informal lementing, and cal reports and
27	17	Drug court maintenance and enhancement	\$	11,745,514
28 29 30 31 32	13:530 process supervi	am Description: Drug treatment courts, authorized in 1997 by 1994, provided integrated substance abuse treatment, sanctions, sing to place low-level, nonviolent drug-involved defendants in coised rehabilitation programs. Clients are regularly tested and monional, employment, and treatment requirements set by the court.	and incent mmunity-b	ives with case ased, judicially
33	18	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$	2,965,884
34 35 36 37 38 39 40	of child of Chil recruit qualifid advoca	am Description: The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to dren in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through lock, screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appoint advocates serve children by providing independent factual string for the best interest of the children, monitoring cases to which wising and assisting the judge in the determination of the best interest.	rdance with cal CASA paintment by information they have	the provisions rograms which the trial judge, a to the judge, been assigned,
41	TOTAL -	GENERAL FUND	<u>\$</u>	65,287,808
42 43 44 45 46	19	Payable out of the State General Fund from Statutory Dedications, Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, R. S. 13:10.3, be it more or less estimated at	\$	6,223,724
47 48 49 50	Legislo commis	Am Description: The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Functure in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related ssioners. The funding source is a non-refundable filing fee assessed 13:10.3.	expenses	to judges and

1 2 3 4 5 6	Payable out of the State C from Statutory Dedication Case Management Inform the Case Management Inform Article 887 (F) of the Coo Procedure, be it more or leading	ns, Trial Court nation Fund, for formation Syster de of Criminal		<u>\$</u>	4,017,201
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Program Description: The Case Ma Supreme Court in 1993 to provide a criminal, civil, juvenile, traffic, and app from courts statewide, transferred to the branch agencies. Additional informatio & Corrections. CMIS is funded from a co- provided under C.Cr.P.887(F).	statewide informat pellate cases as wet CMIS repository, an n will also be availa	tion system for ll as protective and made avail able from the L	or tracking e orders. I able to cour Department	and managing Data is received ts and executive of Public Safety
14 15 16 17 18 19	TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUNI BY STATUTORY DEDICATIO 21 Drug court maintenance and out of the State General F Transfers from the Depar Family Services	NS enhancement, pa Fund through Into	eragency	<u>\$</u> \$	10,240,925 5,400,000
20 21 22 23	Court Appointed Special the State General Fund the from the Department of C Services	rough Interagen	cy Transfer	ss <u>\$</u>	3,992,850
24 25	TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUNI THROUGH INTERAGENCY T			<u>\$</u>	9,392,850
26 27	TOTAL SUPREME COURT 03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL			<u>\$</u>	84,921,583
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	Program Description: The five cour Shreveport, Lake Charles, New Orleans, over all cases arising within their re supervisory jurisdiction of the Suprem appellate jurisdiction over all civil matigivenile courts, and all criminal cases circuit, except for those cases appealable district courts.	and Gretna, have so spective circuits, so e Court. Each couters, all matters app so triable by a jury	upervisory jui ubject to the urt of appeal realed from fa which arise v	risdiction general also has mily and within its	
36 37 38 39 40	Mission Statement: The mission of the meaningful access to all who seek r supervisory jurisdiction granted by the L promoting the rule of law, preserving the efficiently.	eview under the Couisiana Constitutio	Courts' appel on while prote	late and cting and	
41	Goal: To protect the rule of law.				
42 43 44 45 46 47 48	Objective: To provide a reasonable decisions made by lower tribunals. General Performance Information: Total appeals filed Total dispositions randared	2014 2,050 4,325 5,741	2015 2,053 4,048 5,019	2016 1,783 3,670	
49	Total dispositions rendered Goal: To promote the rule of law.	3,/41	5,019	4,761	

43 44		am Description: There are forty-one a l jurisdiction over all matters within th				
42	03-8172	DISTRICT COURTS				
41	TOTAL (COURTS OF APPEAL			<u>\$</u>	47,551,252
38 39 40	06	Salaries and expenses of opera maintenance of the Court of A Fifth Circuit			\$	6,022,679
35 36 37	05	Salaries and expenses of opera maintenance of the Court of A Fourth Circuit			\$	8,347,759
32 33 34	04	Salaries and expenses of opera maintenance of the Court of A Third Circuit			\$	8,930,244
29 30 31	03	Salaries and expenses of opera maintenance of the Court of A Second Circuit			\$	5,868,157
26 27 28	02	Salaries and expenses of opera maintenance of the Court of A First Circuit			\$	10,469,867
23 24 25	01	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judg and forty-eight (48) Judges of the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:			\$	7,912,546
22	Payable o	ut of the State General Fund:				
19 20 21	Percen	al Performance Information: tage of written opinions available the public within 5 days of decision	2014 100%	2015 100%	2016 100%	
17 18		ive: To facilitate public access to the	decisions of	the courts of	appeal.	
16	Goal:	To preserve public trust.				
10 11 12 13 14 15	render Time S Crimin Civil co	te number of days from argument to ing of the opinion: tandard = no more than 70 days. al cases ases n number of days for all cases	38 44 43	43 43 43	43 42 43	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	appeal Time S Crimin Civil C	te number of days from lodging of the to argument: tandard = no more than 175 days. al cases ases n number of days for all cases	2014 151 149 149	2015 143 147 146	2016 162 155 158	
1 2		ive: To resolve cases expeditiously. al Performance Information:				

Program Description: There are forty-one district courts in Louisiana that have general jurisdiction over all matters within their territorial limits, except in those judicial districts (the 1st, the 19th, and the 24th Judicial Districts) where family and juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over certain types of cases and except in Orleans Parish where there are separate courts exercising civil, criminal, and juvenile jurisdictions, respectively. In certain cases, the forty-one general jurisdiction courts have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace and parish courts. The district courts generally have appellate jurisdiction of criminal cases tried by city, parish, municipal, traffic, and mayors' courts, except in certain cases. The district courts also have appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace in parishes where no parish courts exist. The Civil District Court of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction of all civil cases in that parish. The Criminal District Court

of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction over all criminal cases in the parish. It also has general supervisory jurisdiction over the municipal and traffic courts in Orleans Parish. The Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish has exclusive jurisdiction of many domestic cases in the parish. The four juvenile courts located in Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive jurisdiction of juvenile cases in their respective parishes.

Mission Statement: The mission of the trial courts of Louisiana is to provide access to justice, to meet all responsibilities in a timely and expeditious manner, to provide equality, fairness, and integrity in their proceedings, to maintain judicial independence and accountability, and to reach a fair and just result by adherence to the procedural and substantive law, thereby instilling trust and confidence in the public.

Goal: To establish a more open and accessible system of justice.

Objective: To encourage responsible parties to make court facilities safe, accessible, and convenient.

General Performance Information:

	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of surveyed district court chief			
judges indicating actions taken in			
FY 2015-2016 to improve compliance			
with the Americans with Disabilities Act			
(ADA)	97.9%	93.8%	81.3%

Objective: To encourage all responsible public bodies and public officers to make the costs of access to the trial court's proceedings and records - whether measured in terms of money, time, or the procedures that must be followed - reasonable, fair, and affordable.

General Performance Information:

	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of surveyed district court chief			
judges indicating actions taken in			
FY 2015-2016 to assist self-represented			
litigants	97.9%	97.9%	85.4%

Goal: To meet all responsibilities to everyone affected by the court and its activities in a timely and expeditious manner.

Objective: To encourage timely case management and processing.

General Performance Information:

	2014	2015	2016
Number of parishes reporting criminal			
disposition data to CMIS	64	64	64
Percentage of parishes reporting criminal			
disposition data to CMIS	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of surveyed district court chief			
judges indicating that their courts had			
taken steps within FY 2015-2016 to			
reduce delays and improve the timeliness			
of case processing	91.7%	97.9%	87.5%

Objective: To enhance jury service.			
General Performance Information:			
, ,	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of surveyed district court chief			
judges indicating that their court had			
taken steps within FY 2015-2016 to make			
jury service more convenient or effective	93%	100%	90.7%
	93%	100%	90.7%

Goal: To provide due process and equal protection of the law to all who have business before the court; and to demonstrate integrity in all procedures and

Objective: To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court operations as necessary.

General Performance Information:

	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of surveyed district court chief			
judges indicating actions taken in			
FY 2015-2016 to improve employee			
training and development	95.8%	87.5%	85.4%

1 2 3 4	juo FY	tage of surveyed district court chief lges indicating actions taken in 2015-2016 to install or implement chnologies	95.8%	100%	91.7%	
5 6		To maintain judicial independence, wovernmental relations and accountabi			of comity	
7 8 9 10		ive: To inform the community of the all Performance Information:	court's struct	ure and funct	ion.	
11		tage of surveyed district court chief lges indicating that their courts regu	2014 larly	2015	2016	
12 13	pre	ovided public education and public treach services in FY 2015-2016	89.6%	97.9%	87.5%	
14	Payable o	ut of the State General Fund:				
15 16 17	01	Salaries of one hundred ninet (191) District Judges as provide by R.S. 13:691	-		\$	27,187,586
18 19 20	02	Office and travel expenses of Judges as provided by R.S. 13.694, respectively			\$	1,285,250
21 22 23	03	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judg Civil District Court, Orleans as provided by R.S. 13:691			\$	1,992,807
24 25 26 27 28	04	Expenses of Judges of Civil I Court, Parish of Orleans, for of stenographers, clerks, law stationery, telephone, and like as provided by R.S. 13:698	salaries books,		\$	80,500
29 30 31 32	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Rep of the Twentieth Judicial Dis including retirement contribu- provided by R.S. 13:966.1	trict Court,		\$	117,697
33 34	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Parish, as provided by R.S. 1			\$	10,000
35 36 37 38	07	State share of Group, Worker Compensation, General Liabi and Property Insurance Premass as provided by R.S.42:851	lity,		\$	7,471,735
39 40 41 42 43 44	08	Salaries of two (2) commission the Nineteenth Judicial Distritution (1) commissioner of the Judicial District as provided R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715, respectively	ct and Fifteenth by		\$	569,959
45 46 47 48	09	Office expenses for the Judic Expense Fund of the Ninetee District Court as provided by R.S. 13:711-713	nth Judicial		\$	470,893

1 2 3 4	10	Office expenses for the Judicial Expense Fund of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court as provided by R.S. 13:714-716	\$	304,827
5 6	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$	51,118
7 8 9	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as provided by Act 57 of 2006	<u>\$</u>	35,000
10	SUBT	OTAL	\$	39,577,372
11	13	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans		
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	jurisdici the pari. its magi in all fe discharş all cases	m Description: The Criminal District Court for the Parish of tion of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and of the Sh of Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other estrate and with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of the court of the power to hold preliminary examinations, ge, or to hold for trial, in all cases before the court. The court has stried before the Municipal Court of New Orleans and the Traffic Geral supervisory jurisdiction over these courts.	offenses concourt. The coff committing with authors appellate	nmitted within court, through ag magistrates rity to bail or jurisdiction of
20 21 22	A.	Salaries of thirteen (13) District Judges of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	1,850,464
23 24	В.	Office expenses of Judges of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$	74,750
25 26	C.	State's share of group insurance for the personnel of Criminal Court as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$	736,127
27 28	D.	Salaries of thirteen (13) minute clerks as provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$	288,063
29 30	E.	Salaries of twenty-six (26) court reporters as provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$	454,091
31 32 33	F.	Salaries of four (4) commissioners of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish, including related benefits as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	503,908
34 35	G.	Office and travel expenses of commissioners as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	10,600
36 37	H.	Salaries of four (4) minute clerks, one for each commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	75,371
38 39	I.	Salaries of four (4) court reporters, one for each commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	57,311
40 41	J.	Salaries of Judicial Administrator, and assistants, including related benefits	\$	1,007,453
42	K.	Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$	733,824
43	L.	Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$	212,661
44	M.	Sanity Commissions	\$	200,000

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1	N. Board of Jury Commissioners			\$	434,248		
2	SUBTOTAL			\$	6,638,871		
3	14 Juvenile and Family Court Judges						
4 5	A. Salaries of fourteen (14) Juvenile C Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	Court		\$	1,992,807		
6 7	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court Juas provided by R.S. 13:691	udges		\$	569,374		
8 9 10	C. Office and travel expenses of Juver Court Judges as provided by R.S. 1 and R.S. 13:694, respectively		Family	\$	103,500		
11	SUBTOTAL			\$	2,665,681		
12	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS			<u>\$</u>	48,881,924		
13 14	03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIE REQUIRED BY STATUTE	ES AND	OFFI	CE EXPI	ENSES AS		
15 16 17	Program Description: The category includes municipal court (New Orleans), one traffic court (court (Ascension Parish).						
18 19 20 21 22 23	Mission Statement: The mission of the city and parish courts of Louisiana is to provide access to justice, to meet all responsibilities in a timely and expeditious manner, to provide equality, fairness and integrity in their proceedings, to maintain judicial independence and accountability, and to reach a fair and just result by adherence to the procedural and substantive law, thereby instilling trust and confidence in the public.						
24	Goal: To establish a more open and accessible sys	stem of just	tice.				
25 26 27 28 29	Objective: To encourage all responsible public bodies and public officers to make the costs of access to the court's proceedings and records - whether measured in terms of money, time, or the procedures that must be followed - reasonable, fair, and affordable. General Performance Information: 2014 2015 2016						
30 31 32	Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in		2015 96.2%	2016 96.2%			
33 34	Goal: To meet all responsibilities to everyone affected by the court and its activities in a timely and expeditious manner.						
35 36 37	Objective: To encourage timely case management General Performance Information:	t and proce	essing. 2015	2016			
38 39 40 41 42	Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts had taken steps within FY 2015-2016 to reduce delays and improve the timeliness of case processing 84.	<i>6</i> % (88.5%	92.3%			
43 44	Goal: To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity in its governmental relations and accountability to the public.						
45 46	Objective: To inform the community of the court's General Performance Information:						
47 48 49 50 51 52	Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts regularly provided public education and public outreach services in FY 2015-2016	914 3%	2015 92.3%	2016 88.5%			
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1 2	operation	ive: To recognize new conditions or emons as necessary.	nerging ever	nts and to adju	st court	
3 4	Genera	l Performance Information:	2014	2015	2016	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	jua	tage of surveyed city/parish court chief lges indicating actions taken in 2015-2016 to improve employee	2014	2013	2010	
8 9 10 11	Percent jud	tage of surveyed city/parish court chief lges indicating actions taken in	94.2%	98.1%	96.2%	
12		2015-2016 to install or implement hnologies	92.3%	96.2%	90.4%	
13	Payable o	ut of the State General Fund:				
14	01	Salaries of sixty (60) City Court				
15		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:13	875		\$	2,757,560
16 17	02	Salaries of four (4) Municipal, for Traffic and one (1) Parish Court				
18 19		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:24 13:2501.1, and 13:2563.5, respec			\$	444,777
19		15.2501.1, and 15.2505.5, respec	cuvery		<u> </u>	444,777
20	TOTAL C	THER COURTS REQUIRED BY	Y STATU	TE	<u>\$</u>	3,202,337
21 22	03-8174	OTHER COURTS - SALAR REQUIRED BY STATUTE	IES AN	D OFFICE	EXPEN	NSES NOT
23	Payable o	ut of the State General Fund:				
24 25	01	Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective Care Monitoring Program	ve		\$	614,938
26 27 28	Orlean.	m Description: The program tracks as Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides Program.				
29	02	Orleans Parish Juvenile Court R	eporters		\$	88,244
30 31	03	For the expenses of the Judges' Assistance Program		\$	63,238	
32 33	Program Description: The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to judges with substance abuse problems.					
34	TOTAL C	OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRE	ED BY ST	ГАТИТЕ	<u>\$</u>	766,420
35	03-8175	NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXP	PENSES			
36	Payable o	ut of the State General Fund:				
37	01	Legal representation of children	in child p	rotection ca	ses <u>\$</u>	2,070,853
38 39 40 41 42	Program Description: As recommended by the Task Force on Legal representation in Child Protection Cases and at the request of the Division of Administration, in order to advance the administration of justice, the Supreme Court administers funding to provide qualified legal representation for children in child protection cases as required to fulfill the state's statutory responsibility.					
43	TOTAL N	ION-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENS	SES		\$	2,070,853

1	Section 2. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the
2	State General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total
3	amount of Sixteen Million Two Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and
4	No/100 (\$16,229,650.00) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary
5	Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.
6	Section 3.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or her duly authorized and
7	appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or
8	for so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the
9	state general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all
10	other warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and
11	warrants for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant
12	provided by this Act.
13	B. The funds drawn as provided herein shall be deposited in the name of the
14	judiciary in an approved bank that has been selected by the Supreme Court and is located
15	in the state.
16	C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously
17	appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest
18	earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the
19	judiciary; however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable
20	to the state general fund on or before September 1, 2018.
21	D. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made
22	in this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal
23	year in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as
24	approved by the Supreme Court.
25	E. The adjustment to be made in the salaries of judicial employees and the number
26	of authorized positions of the judiciary shall be as decided by the judicial agency
27	affected, subject to the approval of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved
28	by the Supreme Court.
29	F. The program descriptions, general performance information and indicators,
30	objectives, goals, and mission statements contained in this Act are not part of the law and
31	are not enacted into law by virtue of their inclusion in this Act. The missions, goals, and

objectives contained in the Act are derived from performance standards established by Section 10 of Part G General Administrative Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

G. The inclusion in this Act of staff salaries and benefits for lower court or other

judicial branch agency employees shall not be deemed to create or impose any obligation upon the State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office relative to the administration of pay, retirement or other benefits to any such employees. Accordingly, the State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, and the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office are not to be considered the "employer" or "employing agency" of lower court or other judicial agency employees whose staff salaries and other benefits are included in this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

In accordance with R.S. 39:51(D), the following represents a comparative statement for each Court and program. The operating budget for FY 2016-2017 is compared to the appropriations for FY 2017-2018 as contained in the original bill.

Operating Budget	Appropriation			
		Request		
Courts and Programs	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018		
Supreme Court				
Total Supreme Court	\$ 63,673,627	\$	74,680,658	
Courts of Appeal				
Total Courts of Appeal	\$ 45,101,587	\$	47,551,252	
District Courts				
Total District Courts	\$ 46,311,638	\$	48,881,924	
Other Courts				
Total Other Courts	\$ 3,132,025	\$	3,202,337	

APPROVED:

Other Programs					
Total Other Programs	\$ 634,064	\$ 766,420			
Non-Judicial State Expenses					
Total State Expenses	\$ 2,070,853	\$ 2,070,853			
Total State General Fund					
and Interagency Transfer					
All Line Items	<u>\$160,923,794</u>	<u>\$ 177,153,444</u>			
Total Statutory Dedications	<u>\$ 10,407,485</u>	\$ 10,240,925			
Total Funding	<u>\$171,331,279</u>	<u>\$ 187,394,369</u>			
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE					
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA					