

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 170**

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the following funds:

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**JUDICIARY**

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**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

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Full-time equated exempted positions	684.5
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<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 395,299,200</b>
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Interdepartmental grant revenues:



1	Total interdepartmental grants and		
2	intradepartmental transfers		1,902,300
3	<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>393,396,900</b>
4	Federal revenues:		
5	Total federal revenues		7,270,900
6	Special revenue funds:		
7	Total private revenues		1,906,400
8	Total other state restricted revenues		96,645,800
9	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>287,573,800</b>
10	<b>Sec. 102. SUPREME COURT</b>		
11	Full-time equated exempted positions	335.0	
12	Community dispute resolution--FTEs	4.0	\$ 3,566,300
13	Foster care review board--FTEs	10.0	1,445,600
14	Jail reform advisory support--FTE	1.0	160,100
15	Judicial information systems--FTEs	103.0	26,458,000
16	Judicial institute--FTEs	20.0	3,440,200
17	Justice for all--FTEs	2.0	1,539,700
18	Michigan legal help		1,000,000
19	Next generation Michigan court system		4,116,000
20	Other federal grants		275,100
21	Problem solving courts	0.0	20,752,300
22	State court administrative office--FTEs	90.0	16,900,000
23	Supreme court administration--FTEs	105.0	19,794,200
24	Swift and sure sanctions program		3,350,000
25	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>102,797,500</b>
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
28	IDG from department of corrections		52,300



1	IDG from department of state police	1,500,000
2	IDG from department of state police, Michigan	
3	justice training fund	100,000
4	Federal revenues:	
5	DOJ, drug court training and evaluation	300,000
6	DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety	
7	Administration	2,358,700
8	Federal funds	275,100
9	HHS, access and visitation grant	506,100
10	HHS, children's justice grant	256,800
11	HHS, court improvement project	998,800
12	HHS, safe access for victims economic security	
13	grant	420,000
14	HHS, state opioid response grant	352,200
15	HHS, title IV-D child support program	891,400
16	HHS, title IV-E foster care program	328,000
17	Special revenue funds:	
18	Interest on lawyers' trust accounts	407,900
19	Private funds	501,100
20	State justice institute	529,000
21	Community dispute resolution fund	2,602,200
22	Court of appeals filing/motion fees	1,450,000
23	Drug treatment court fund	1,920,500
24	Justice system fund	643,300
25	Law exam fees	794,500
26	Miscellaneous revenue	249,400
27	State court fund	419,900
28	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 84,940,300</b>



1	<b>Sec. 103. COURT OF APPEALS</b>		
2	Full-time equated exempted positions	179.0	
3	Court of appeals operations--FTEs	179.0	\$ 27,733,200
4	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 27,733,200</b>
5	Appropriated from:		
6	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 27,733,200</b>
7	<b>Sec. 104. BRANCHWIDE APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
8	Full-time equated exempted positions	6.0	
9	Branchwide appropriations--FTEs	6.0	\$ 11,160,000
10	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 11,160,000</b>
11	Appropriated from:		
12	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 11,160,000</b>
13	<b>Sec. 105. JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION</b>		
14	Judges' positions--591.0 justices and judges		
15	Supreme court justices' salaries--7.0 justices		\$ 1,270,500
16	Circuit court judges' state base salaries--		
17	223.0 judges		31,326,100
18	Circuit court judicial salary standardization		10,196,800
19	Court of appeals judges' salaries--25.0 judges		5,037,400
20	District court judges' state base salaries--		
21	232.0 judges		32,583,200
22	District court judicial salary standardization		10,608,600
23	Probate court judges' state base salaries--		
24	104.0 judges		14,486,400
25	Probate court judicial salary standardization		4,715,300
26	Judges' retirement system defined contributions		9,400,600
27	OASI, Social Security		8,339,600
28	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 127,964,500</b>



1	Appropriated from:		
2	Special revenue funds:		
3	Court fee fund		3,028,200
4	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>124,936,300</b>
5	<b>Sec. 106. JUDICIAL AGENCIES</b>		
6	Full-time equated exempted positions	14.0	
7	Judicial tenure commission--FTEs	14.0	\$ 2,944,500
8	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,944,500</b>
9	Appropriated from:		
10	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,944,500</b>
11	<b>Sec. 107. INDIGENT DEFENSE - CRIMINAL</b>		
12	Full-time equated exempted positions	124.5	
13	Appellate public defender program--FTEs	105.0	\$ 19,047,500
14	Juvenile life resentencing--FTEs	19.5	3,202,800
15	Michigan appellate assigned counsel system		
16	roster attorney compensation grants		3,208,100
17	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,458,400</b>
18	Appropriated from:		
19	IDG from department of state police		250,000
20	Total interdepartmental grants and		
21	intradepartmental transfers		250,000
22	Federal revenues:		
23	Federal funds		583,800
24	Special revenue funds:		
25	Interest on lawyers' trust accounts		88,400
26	Michigan justice fund		380,000
27	Miscellaneous revenue		172,400
28	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,983,800</b>



1	<b>Sec. 108. INDIGENT CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
2	Indigent civil legal assistance	\$	7,937,000
3	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,937,000</b>
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	State court fund		7,937,000
7	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
8	<b>Sec. 109. TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
9	Full-time equated exempted positions	26.0	
10	Court equity fund reimbursements	\$	60,815,700
11	Drug case-flow program		250,000
12	Drunk driving case-flow program		3,300,000
13	Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
14	Juror compensation reimbursement--FTE	1.0	6,616,200
15	Statewide e-file system--FTEs	25.0	12,007,200
16	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,804,100</b>
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Special revenue funds:		
19	Court equity fund		50,440,000
20	Drug case information management fund		250,000
21	Drunk driving case-flow assistance fund		3,300,000
22	Judicial electronic filing fund		12,007,200
23	Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
24	Juror compensation fund		6,616,200
25	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,375,700</b>
26	<b>Sec. 110. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
27	Judicial tenure commission backlog		499,900
28	Innocence project grant		1,000,000



1	Resentencing litigation costs		100
2	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
3	Appropriated from:		
4	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

## PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$384,219,600.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$154,638,900.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

**JUDICIARY****SUPREME COURT**

19	Next generation Michigan court system	\$	4,116,000
20	Problem solving courts		16,702,300
21	State court administrative office		200,000
22	Swift and sure sanctions program		3,350,000

**JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION**

24	Circuit court judicial salary standardization	\$	10,196,800
25	District court judicial salary standardization		10,608,600
26	OASI, Social Security		1,459,400
27	Probate court judges' state base salaries		14,486,400
28	Probate court judicial salary standardization		4,715,300



1	<b>TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>	
2	Court equity fund reimbursements	\$ 60,815,700
3	Drug case-flow program	250,000
4	Drunk driving case-flow program	3,300,000
5	Judicial technology improvement fund	4,815,000
6	Juror compensation reimbursement	6,616,200
7	Statewide e-file system	12,007,200
8	<b>ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
9	Innocence investment grant	1,000,000
10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 154,638,900</b>

11           Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are  
12 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101  
13 to 18.1594.

14           Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

15           (a) "FTE" means full-time equated position in the classified  
16 service of this state.

17           (b) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

18           (c) "OASI" means old age survivor's insurance.

19           (d) "Problem solving courts" means drug treatment courts,  
20 mental health courts, or veterans courts as used in the revised  
21 judicature act, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1060 to 600.1297.

22           (e) "SIGMA" means the statewide integrated governmental  
23 management applications.

24           (f) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house  
25 appropriations subcommittees on judiciary, the senate and house  
26 fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state  
27 budget office.

28           Sec. 204. The judicial branch shall use the internet to  
29 fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement





1 includes transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and  
2 any other required recipients by email and posting the reports on  
3 an internet site.

4 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the  
5 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the  
6 following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

7 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign  
8 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of  
9 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are  
10 available.

11 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
12 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are  
13 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

14 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
15 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and  
16 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of  
17 comparable quality.

18 (d) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
19 that are manufactured in facilities that employ union members.

20 Sec. 206. The judicial branch shall not take disciplinary  
21 action against an employee for communicating with a member of the  
22 legislature or legislative staff, unless the communication is  
23 prohibited by law and the judicial branch is exercising its  
24 authority as provided by law.

25 Sec. 207. The state court administrative office shall prepare  
26 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.  
27 The report must list all travel outside this state by judicial  
28 branch employees in the previous fiscal year that was funded in  
29 whole or in part with funds appropriated in the judicial branch's



1 budget. The judicial branch shall submit the report to the standard  
2 report recipients and to the senate and house appropriations  
3 committees. The report must include all of the following  
4 information:

5 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

6 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each  
7 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general  
8 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal  
9 revenues, and other revenues.

10 Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office  
11 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the  
12 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the  
13 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the  
14 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation  
15 lapses by major judicial program or program areas. The report must  
16 be submitted to the standard report recipients and to the  
17 chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

18 Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
19 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 from  
20 federal sources should federal revenue become available.

21 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
22 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 from state  
23 restricted sources should state restricted revenue become  
24 available.

25 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
26 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 from private  
27 sources should private revenue become available.

28 (4) The state court administrative office shall notify the  
29 standard report recipients and the senate and house standing



1 committees on appropriations if these contingency funds are  
2 utilized. This notification shall include the dollar amount  
3 appropriated, the source of the funding, and the purpose for which  
4 expenditures will be made. Notice shall be provided within 10 days  
5 after the date the appropriation is approved in SIGMA.

6 Sec. 211. The judicial branch shall cooperate with the  
7 department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a  
8 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that  
9 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

10 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

11 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

12 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
13 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
14 payment description.

15 (d) The number of active employees by job classification.

16 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

17 Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the  
18 executive budget recommendation, the judicial branch shall  
19 cooperate with the state budget office to provide an annual report  
20 on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund  
21 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the  
22 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the  
23 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate  
24 and house appropriations committees.

25 Sec. 213. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, all  
26 reports required under this part shall be submitted to the standard  
27 report recipients.

28 (2) For each report listed on the state court administrative  
29 office website, a reference shall be provided to each statutory or



1 appropriations bill section and, if applicable, subsection where  
2 that report is required.

3 (3) In addition to the reporting requirements in section 204  
4 and this section, the state court administrative office shall  
5 compile, post, and maintain all required reports on an easily  
6 accessible page of the one court of justice website.

7 Sec. 214. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 to an entity in the  
8 judicial branch must not be expended or transferred to another  
9 account without written approval of the authorized agent of the  
10 judicial entity. If the authorized agent of the judicial entity  
11 notifies the state budget director of its approval of an  
12 expenditure or transfer, the state budget director shall  
13 immediately make the expenditure or transfer. The authorized  
14 judicial entity agent shall be designated by the chief justice of  
15 the supreme court.

16 (2) Funds appropriated to the judicial branch must not be  
17 expended by a component in the judicial branch without the approval  
18 of the supreme court.

19 Sec. 218. The judicial branch shall receive and retain copies  
20 of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The judicial  
21 branch shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and  
22 long-term retention of records. The judicial branch may  
23 electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required  
24 by federal and state guidelines.

25 Sec. 221. Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to  
26 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government  
27 resources, programs, of facilities.

28 Sec. 222. To the extent possible, the judicial branch shall  
29 not expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing



1 authorized work project funds for the same purpose are exhausted.

2 Sec. 223. (1) Within 10 days after the effective date of this  
3 act, the judiciary must provide a report to the standard report  
4 recipients containing the following information:

5 (a) A list of any sections in this act that the judiciary  
6 determines to be unenforceable, with a detailed legal rationale for  
7 those determinations, as applicable.

8 (b) If a determination under subdivision (a) would affect the  
9 operations of a program or programs within the judiciary, the  
10 judiciary must report the estimated difference in cost between the  
11 policy outlined in the section determined to be unenforceable and  
12 the policy the judiciary intends to pursue.

13 (2) The judiciary may coordinate with the executive office of  
14 the governor or other state departments or agencies to compile a  
15 statewide report for any agencies required to submit a report  
16 substantially similar to the report described under subsection (1).

17 Sec. 224. The judicial branch must provide a quarterly report  
18 to the standard report recipients detailing federal policy changes  
19 that do, or are expected to do, any of the following:

20 (a) Affect the operations of the judicial branch.

21 (b) Affect an industry, community, population, or other group  
22 regulated or served by, or that otherwise engages with, the  
23 judiciary.

24 (c) Affect regulations that currently protect the public to  
25 the extent that the regulations affect an industry, community,  
26 population, or other group regulated or served by, or that  
27 otherwise engages with, the judicial branch.

28 (d) Create a regulatory gap that could negatively impact the  
29 public.



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**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

Sec. 301. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the judicial branch, \$711,900.00 is allocated for circuit court reimbursement under section 3 of 1978 PA 16, MCL 800.453, and for costs associated with the court of claims.

Sec. 302. A member of the legislature may request a report or data from the data collected in the judicial data warehouse. The report must be made available to the public upon request, unless disclosure is prohibited by court order or state or federal law. If data is provided under this section, the data must be public and nonidentifying information, as determined by the state court administrative office. As used in this section, "nonidentifying information" means information that does not include personal information that, if released, would be considered invasion of privacy.

Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for community dispute resolution, community dispute resolution centers shall provide dispute resolution services specified in the community dispute resolution act, 1988 PA 260, MCL 691.1551 to 691.1564, help reduce suspensions and truancy, and improve school environment. The funds appropriated in part 1 for community dispute resolution may be used to develop or expand juvenile diversion services in coordination with local prosecutors.

Sec. 304. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for problem solving courts, \$1,730,000.00 is intended to address the recommendations of the mental health diversion council.

Sec. 305. If funds in the court fee fund are insufficient to pay judges' compensation, the difference between the appropriated



1 amount from that fund for judges' compensation and the actual  
2 amount available after the amount appropriated for trial court  
3 reimbursement is made is appropriated from the state general fund  
4 for judges' compensation. If an appropriation from the state  
5 general fund is necessary under this section, not later than 14  
6 days after the appropriation is approved in SIGMA, the state court  
7 administrative office shall submit a report to the standard report  
8 recipients and the senate and house standing committees on  
9 appropriations.

10 Sec. 306. The state court administrative office shall submit a  
11 report on drug treatment, mental health, and veterans court  
12 programs in this state not later than March 1. The report must  
13 include all of the following information for each individual court,  
14 by program:

15 (a) The number of each type of program.

16 (b) The number of program participants.

17 (c) The impact of the programs on offender criminal  
18 involvement and recidivism.

19 (d) An accounting of previous fiscal year expenditures,  
20 including grant amounts requested, grant amounts awarded, and grant  
21 amounts expended.

22 Sec. 307. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for problem  
23 solving courts must be administered by the state court  
24 administrative office to operate problem solving court programs. A  
25 problem solving court shall use all available county and state  
26 personnel involved in the disposition of cases, including, but not  
27 limited to, parole and probation agents, prosecuting attorneys,  
28 defense attorneys, and community corrections providers. The funds  
29 may be used in connection with other federal, state, and local



1 funding sources.

2 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the chief justice  
3 shall allocate sufficient funds for the Michigan judicial institute  
4 to provide in-state training for those identified in subsection (1)  
5 and new problem solving court judges.

6 (3) The state court administrative office may prioritize  
7 funding for courts that have a higher number of filed substance use  
8 disorder cases.

9 (4) To assist the department of corrections and avoid prison  
10 bed space growth for nonviolent offenders, the judiciary shall  
11 receive \$1,500,000.00 in Byrne formula grant funding through an  
12 interdepartmental grant from the department of state police to be  
13 used to support problem solving court costs consistent with Byrne  
14 grant program criteria.

15 Sec. 308. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for swift  
16 and sure sanctions programs, the state court administrative office  
17 shall administer a program to distribute grants to qualifying  
18 courts in accordance with the objectives and requirements of the  
19 probation swift and sure sanctions act, chapter XIA of the code of  
20 criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771A.1 to 771A.8. Not more  
21 than \$150,000.00 of the funds designated for the program is  
22 available to the state court administrative office to pay for  
23 employee costs associated with the administration of the program  
24 funds. Of the funds designated for the program, \$500,000.00 is  
25 reserved for programs in counties that had more than 325  
26 individuals sentenced to prison in the previous calendar year.  
27 Courts interested in participating in the swift and sure sanctions  
28 program may apply to the state court administrative office for a  
29 portion of the funds appropriated in part 1 under this section.





1 (2) Not later than March 1, the state court administrative  
2 office, in coordination with the department of corrections, shall  
3 submit a report on the swift and sure sanctions program that  
4 includes all of the following information for each individual  
5 court, by program:

6 (a) A list of courts that participate in the program.

7 (b) The number of offenders who participate in the program.

8 (c) The criminal history of offenders who participate in the  
9 program.

10 (d) The recidivism rate of offenders who participate in the  
11 program, including the rate of return to jail, prison, or both.

12 (e) A detailed description of the establishment and parameters  
13 of the program.

14 (f) An accounting of previous fiscal year expenditures,  
15 including, but not limited to, grant amounts requested by the  
16 courts, grant amounts awarded to the courts, and grant amounts  
17 expended by the courts.

18 Sec. 309. The Michigan legislature recognizes the status of  
19 the Michigan judicial branch as a separate, independent branch of  
20 state government, as prescribed by article III, section 2 of the  
21 state constitution of 1963.

22 Sec. 310. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial  
23 branch shall support a statewide legal self-help internet website  
24 and local nonprofit self-help centers that use the statewide  
25 website to provide assistance to individuals who represent  
26 themselves in civil legal proceedings. The state court  
27 administrative office shall summarize the costs to maintain the  
28 website, provide statistics on the number of individuals who visit  
29 the website, and provide information on content usage, form



1 completion, and user feedback not later than March 1 for the  
2 previous fiscal year.

3 Sec. 311. The state court administrative office shall submit a  
4 report on the statewide judicial case management system not later  
5 than March 1. The report must provide a status update on  
6 development and implementation of the statewide judicial case  
7 management system and must include all appropriation and  
8 expenditure data for all previous and the current fiscal years.

9 Sec. 312. The state court administrative office shall not  
10 impose local user fees or collect local user fees from trial courts  
11 that are using the statewide judicial case management system.

12 Sec. 313. (1) If Byrne formula grant funding is awarded to the  
13 state appellate defender office in excess of the amount  
14 appropriated in part 1, the state appellate defender office may  
15 receive and expend not more than \$250,000.00 of Byrne formula grant  
16 funds as an interdepartmental grant from the department of state  
17 police.

18 (2) If the state appellate defender office receives federal  
19 grant funding from the United States Department of Justice in  
20 excess of the amount appropriated in part 1, the state appellate  
21 defender office may receive and expend not more than \$300,000.00 in  
22 federal grant funds.

23 Sec. 314. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for  
24 problem solving courts, the judiciary shall maintain a medication-  
25 assisted treatment program to provide treatment for opioid-addicted  
26 and alcohol-addicted individuals who are referred to and  
27 voluntarily participate in the medication-assisted treatment  
28 program.

29 (2) Not later than March 1, the judiciary shall report on the



1 medication-assisted treatment program. The report must include  
2 itemized spending by court, the number of participants, and  
3 statistics that indicate average program participation duration and  
4 success rates.

5       Sec. 316. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state  
6 appellate defender office shall operate the program to ensure this  
7 state's compliance with *Montgomery v Louisiana*, 577 US 190 (2016),  
8 *People v Parks*, 510 Mich 225 (2022), *People v Stovall*, 510 Mich 301  
9 (2022), and *People v Poole*, \_\_\_ Mich App \_\_\_; \_\_\_ NW2d \_\_\_ (2024)  
10 (COA #352589, January 18, 2024). The purpose of the program is to  
11 ensure competent, resourced, and supervised counsel in cases that  
12 involve resentencing individuals who are serving a life sentence  
13 for an offense committed when the individuals were 18 years of age  
14 or younger.

15       (2) The state appellate defender office shall submit a report  
16 not later than March 1 on the number of cases investigated and  
17 prepared by the state appellate defender office under subsection  
18 (1). The report must include a calculation of the hours spent and  
19 the incremental costs associated with the investigation and robust  
20 examination of each case.

21       Sec. 317. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan  
22 appellate assigned counsel system roster attorney compensation  
23 grants must be deposited into the restricted Michigan appellate  
24 assigned counsel system attorney compensation fund created in  
25 subsection (2).

26       (2) The Michigan appellate assigned counsel system attorney  
27 compensation fund is created in the state treasury. The state  
28 treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for  
29 deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the



1 investment of the fund and credit to the fund interest and earnings  
 2 from fund investments. Unexpended funds at the close of the fiscal  
 3 year must remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general  
 4 fund. The judicial branch shall be the administrator of the fund  
 5 for auditing purposes. The judicial branch shall expend money from  
 6 the fund to provide payments to indigent defense systems as  
 7 provided under section 8a of the appellate defender act, 1978 PA  
 8 620, MCL 780.718a.

9 (3) All funds available in the Michigan appellate assigned  
 10 counsel system attorney compensation fund are appropriated and  
 11 available for expenditure as provided by law.

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### 13 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

14 Sec. 401. The funds appropriated in part 1 for innocence  
 15 investment grant shall be provided to the Michigan Innocence Clinic  
 16 at the University of Michigan Law School to further legal advocacy  
 17 and litigation expenses associated with the legal representation of  
 18 the wrongfully convicted in the state of Michigan.

19 Sec. 402. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for judicial  
 20 complaint backlog work project shall be allocated to the judicial  
 21 tenure commission for the purpose of reducing the current judicial  
 22 complaint backlog. The judicial tenure commission may hire contract  
 23 attorneys for this purpose with the goal of reducing the judicial  
 24 complaint backlog and reducing delays in the complaint  
 25 investigation process.

26 (2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for judicial  
 27 complaint backlog are designed as a work project appropriation.  
 28 Unencumbered or unallotted funds must not lapse at the end of the  
 29 fiscal year and must be available for expenditures under this



1 section until the project has been completed. The following is in  
2 compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984  
3 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

4 (a) The purpose of the project is to reduce the judicial  
5 complaint backlog and to reduce delays in the investigation of  
6 judicial complaints to under 90 days for each judicial complaint.

7 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state  
8 employees, contracts with service providers, or both.

9 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$499,900.00.

10 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2027.

11 Sec. 403. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for  
12 juvenile lifer litigation costs, the state appellate defender  
13 office shall operate a program to ensure this state's compliance  
14 with *People v Czarnecki*, \_\_\_Mich\_\_\_ (2025) and *People v Taylor*,  
15 \_\_\_Mich\_\_\_ (2025). The purpose of the program is to ensure  
16 competent, resourced, and supervised counsel in cases involving  
17 resentencing individuals who are serving a life sentence for an  
18 offense committed when they were 19 or 20 years of age.

19 (2) The state appellate defender office shall submit a report  
20 not later than March 1 on the number of cases investigated and  
21 prepared by the state appellate defender office under subsection  
22 (1). The report must include a calculation of the hours spent and  
23 the incremental costs associated with the investigation and robust  
24 examination of each case.

