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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2705

03/25/2019 Authored by Lesch, Mariani, Moller, Her and Cantrell The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to judiciary; appropriating money for courts, human rights, Guardian Ad
1.3 Litem Board, Uniform Laws Commission, Board on Judicial Standards, and Board
1.4 of Public Defense.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.7 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.8 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the general fund, or
1.9 another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The
1.10 figures "2020" and "2021" used in this act mean that the appropriations listed under them
1.11 are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The
1.12 first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is
1.13 fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Table with 2 columns: 2020, 2021. Header: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30

1.18 Sec. 2. SUPREME COURT

1.19 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 59,088,000 \$ 61,481,000

1.20 The amounts that may be spent for each
1.21 purpose are specified in the following
1.22 subdivisions.

1.23 Subd. 2. Supreme Court Operations 43,722,000 45,193,000

1.24 (a) Contingent Account

2.1 \$5,000 each year is for a contingent account  
 2.2 for expenses necessary for the normal  
 2.3 operation of the court for which no other  
 2.4 reimbursement is provided.

2.5 **(b) Judges' Compensation**

2.6 Judges' compensation is increased by three  
 2.7 and one-half percent each year.

2.8 **(c) Cybersecurity Program**

2.9 \$2,500,000 each year is for a cybersecurity  
 2.10 program.

2.11 **Subd. 3. Civil Legal Services**

15,366,000

16,288,000

2.12 **Legal Services to Low-Income Clients in**  
 2.13 **Family Law Matters.** \$1,062,000 in fiscal  
 2.14 year 2020 and \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2021  
 2.15 are to improve the access of low-income  
 2.16 clients to legal representation in family law  
 2.17 matters. This appropriation must be distributed  
 2.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 480.242, to  
 2.19 the qualified legal services program described  
 2.20 in Minnesota Statutes, section 480.242,  
 2.21 subdivision 2, paragraph (a). Any  
 2.22 unencumbered balance remaining in the first  
 2.23 year does not cancel and is available in the  
 2.24 second year.

2.25 **Sec. 3. COURT OF APPEALS**

**\$ 12,926,000**

**\$ 13,356,000**

2.26 **Judges' Compensation.** Judges' compensation  
 2.27 is increased by three and one-half percent each  
 2.28 year.

2.29 **Sec. 4. DISTRICT COURTS**

**\$ 311,808,000**

**\$ 322,294,000**

2.30 **(a) Judges' Compensation**

2.31 Judges' compensation is increased by three  
 2.32 and one-half percent each year.

3.1 **(b) New Trial Judges**

3.2 \$912,000 the first year and \$846,000 the  
 3.3 second year are for two new trial court judge  
 3.4 units.

3.5 **(c) Mandated Psychological Services**

3.6 \$1,070,000 each year is for mandated court  
 3.7 services.

3.8 **(d) Treatment Courts Stability**

3.9 \$306,000 each year is for treatment courts  
 3.10 stability.

3.11 **(e) Gun Violence Prevention**

3.12 \$162,000 each year is to process petitions for  
 3.13 extreme risk protection orders.

3.14 **Sec. 5. GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD**                    **\$            21,876,000 \$            22,578,000**

3.15 **Compliance Positions.** \$4,205,000 the first  
 3.16 year and \$4,443,000 the second year are for  
 3.17 new positions to maintain compliance with  
 3.18 federal and state mandates.

3.19 **Sec. 6. TAX COURT**                                            **\$            1,807,000 \$            1,808,000**

3.20 **Sec. 7. UNIFORM LAWS COMMISSION**                    **\$            98,000 \$            98,000**

3.21 **Sec. 8. BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS**                    **\$            535,000 \$            509,000**

3.22 **Major Disciplinary Actions.** \$125,000 each  
 3.23 year is for special investigative and hearing  
 3.24 costs for major disciplinary actions undertaken  
 3.25 by the board. This appropriation does not  
 3.26 cancel. Any unencumbered and unspent  
 3.27 balances remain available for these  
 3.28 expenditures until June 30, 2023.

3.29 **Sec. 9. BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**                    **\$            98,670,000 \$            109,650,000**

3.30 **Sec. 10. HUMAN RIGHTS**                                            **\$            6,877,000 \$            7,224,000**

- 4.1 \$10,000 in fiscal year 2021 is for a micro-grant
- 4.2 program for capacity building by local units
- 4.3 of government and local groups.