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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Rep. Bollin

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4706

AN ACT to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 8

JUDICIARY

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:

JUDICIARY		
APPROPRIATION SUMMARY		
Full-time equated exempted positions	643.5	
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 383,621,700
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		1,902,300
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 381,719,400
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		7,270,900
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		1,906,400
Total other state restricted revenues		96,468,300
State general fund/general purpose		\$ 276,073,800
Sec. 102. SUPREME COURT		
Full-time equated exempted positions	306.0	
Community dispute resolution—FTEs	3.0	\$ 3,388,800
Drug treatment courts—FTEs	2.0	13,266,700
Foster care review board—FTEs	10.0	1,445,600
Jail reform advisory support—FTE	1.0	160,100
Judicial information systems—FTEs	91.0	21,070,400
Judicial institute—FTEs	17.0	2,906,500
Justice for all—FTEs	2.0	1,539,700

			For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2026
Mental health courts and diversion services—FTE	1.0	\$	5,779,400
Michigan legal help		\$	1,000,000
Next generation Michigan court system			4,116,000
Other federal grants			275,100
State court administrative office—FTEs	83.0		15,690,000
Supreme court administration—FTEs	96.0		16,707,900
Swift and sure sanctions program			1,537,600
Veterans courts			1,061,200
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	89,945,000
Appropriated from:			
Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
IDG from department of corrections			52,300
IDG from department of state police			1,500,000
IDG from department of state police, Michigan justice training fund			100,000
Federal revenues:			
DOJ, drug court training and evaluation			300,000
DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration			2,358,700
Federal funds			275,100
HHS, access and visitation grant			506,100
HHS, children's justice grant			256,800
HHS, court improvement project			998,800
HHS, safe access for victims economic security grant			420,000
HHS, state opioid response grant			352,200
HHS, title IV-D child support program			891,400
HHS, title IV-E foster care program			328,000
Special revenue funds:			
Interest on lawyers trust accounts			407,900
Private funds			501,100
State justice institute			529,000
Community dispute resolution fund			2,424,700
Court of appeals filing/motion fees			1,450,000
Drug treatment court fund			1,920,500
Justice system fund			643,300
Law exam fees			794,500
Miscellaneous revenue			249,400
State court fund			419,900
State general fund/general purpose		\$	72,265,300
Sec. 103. COURT OF APPEALS			
Full-time equated exempted positions	179.0		
Court of appeals operations—FTEs	179.0	\$	27,733,200
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	27,733,200
Appropriated from:			
State general fund/general purpose		\$	27,733,200
Sec. 104. BRANCHWIDE APPROPRIATIONS			
Full-time equated exempted positions	6.0		
Branchwide appropriations—FTEs	6.0	\$	11,160,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	11,160,000
Appropriated from:			
State general fund/general purpose		\$	11,160,000
Sec. 105. JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION			
Judges positions—591.0 justices and judges			
Supreme court justices' salaries—7.0 justices		\$	1,270,500
Circuit court judges' state base salaries—223.0 judges			31,326,100

		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2026
Circuit court judicial salary standardization	\$	10,196,800
Court of appeals judges' salaries—25.0 judges		5,037,400
District court judges' state base salaries—232.0 judges		32,583,200
District court judicial salary standardization		10,608,600
Probate court judges' state base salaries—104.0 judges		14,486,400
Probate court judicial salary standardization		4,715,300
Judges' retirement system defined contributions		9,400,600
OASI, Social Security		8,339,600
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	127,964,500
Appropriated from:		
Special revenue funds:		
Court fee fund		3,028,200
State general fund/general purpose	\$	124,936,300
Sec. 106. JUDICIAL AGENCIES		
Full-time equated exempted positions	14.0	
Judicial tenure commission—FTEs	14.0	\$ 2,944,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	2,944,500
Appropriated from:		
State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,944,500
Sec. 107. INDIGENT DEFENSE - CRIMINAL		
Full-time equated exempted positions	112.5	
Appellate public defender program—FTEs	94.0	\$ 16,869,500
Juvenile life resentencing—FTEs	18.5	3,055,800
Michigan appellate assigned counsel system roster attorney compensation grants		3,208,100
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	23,133,400
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
IDG from department of state police		250,000
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		583,800
Special revenue funds:		
Interest on lawyers trust accounts		88,400
Michigan justice fund		380,000
Miscellaneous revenue		172,400
State general fund/general purpose	\$	21,658,800
Sec. 108. INDIGENT CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE		
Indigent civil legal assistance	\$	7,937,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	7,937,000
Appropriated from:		
Special revenue funds:		
State court fund		7,937,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
Sec. 109. TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS		
Full-time equated exempted positions	26.0	
Court equity fund reimbursements	\$	60,815,700
Drug case-flow program		250,000
Drunk driving case-flow program		3,300,000
Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
Juror compensation reimbursement—FTE	1.0	6,616,200
Statewide e-file system—FTEs	25.0	12,007,200
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	87,804,100
Appropriated from:		
Special revenue funds:		
Court equity fund		50,440,000

		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2026
Drug case information management fund	\$	250,000
Drunk driving case-flow assistance fund		3,300,000
Judicial electronic filing fund		12,007,200
Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
Juror compensation fund		6,616,200
State general fund/general purpose	\$	10,375,700
Sec. 110. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
Judicial tenure commission	\$	500,000
Juvenile life resentencing		2,325,000
Statewide case management system		2,007,600
Supreme court administration - office of reporter of decisions		167,400
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	5,000,000
Appropriated from:		
State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,000,000

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 \$372,542,100.00 and total state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$151,181,500.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

JUDICIARY		
SUPREME COURT		
Drug treatment courts	\$	9,216,700
Mental health courts and diversion services		5,779,400
Next generation Michigan court system		4,116,000
State court administrative office		200,000
Swift and sure sanctions program		1,537,600
Veterans courts		1,061,200
JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION		
Circuit court judicial salary standardization	\$	10,196,800
District court judicial salary standardization		10,608,600
OASI, Social Security		1,459,400
Probate court judges' state base salaries		14,486,400
Probate court judicial salary standardization		4,715,300
TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS		
Court equity fund reimbursements	\$	60,815,700
Drug case-flow program		250,000
Drunk driving case-flow program		3,300,000
Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
Juror compensation reimbursement		6,616,200
Statewide e-file system		12,007,200
TOTAL	\$	151,181,500

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

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

- (a) "DOJ" means the United States Department of Justice.
- (b) "DOT" means the United States Department of Transportation.
- (c) "FTE" means full-time equated exempted positions.
- (d) "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- (e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.
- (f) "OASI" means old age survivor's insurance.

(g) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections and judiciary, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office.

(h) "Title IV-D" means the part of the federal social security act, 42 USC 301 to 1397mm, pertaining to the child support enforcement program.

(i) "Title IV-E" means the part of the federal social security act, 42 USC 301 to 1397mm, pertaining to the foster care program.

Sec. 204. The judicial branch shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any other required recipients by email and posting the reports on an internet site.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 206. The state court administrative office shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1. The report must list all travel outside this state by judicial branch employees in the previous fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the judicial branch's budget. The state court administrative office shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to the senate and house appropriations committees. The report must include all of the following information:

(a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

(b) The total transportation and related expenses of each travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal revenues, local revenues, and private revenues, including specific sources of state restricted, federal, local, and private revenues.

Sec. 207. Not later than December 15, the judicial branch shall cooperate with the state budget office to prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major judicial program or program areas. The state budget office shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

Sec. 208. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial branch shall maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that posts all of the expenditures made by the judicial branch within a fiscal year. A post must include the purpose for the expenditure. The judicial branch shall not provide financial information on the public website that would violate a federal or state law, rule, regulation, or guideline that establishes privacy or security standards applicable to that financial information.

Sec. 209. Not later than 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation, the judicial branch shall cooperate with the state budget office to provide an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

Sec. 210. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 are estimated at \$12,043,600.00 for the judicial branch. From this amount, total appropriations for pension-related legacy costs for the judicial branch are estimated at \$10,862,600.00. Total appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs for the judicial branch are estimated at \$1,181,000.00.

Sec. 211. The judicial branch shall not take disciplinary action against an employee of the judicial branch because the employee communicates with a member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law and the judicial branch is exercising its authority as provided by law.

Sec. 212. The judicial branch shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The judicial branch shall follow federal and state law and guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records. The judicial branch may electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

Sec. 213. To the extent possible, the judicial branch shall not expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

Sec. 214. Not later than 6 months after the state budget office issues work project letters, the judicial branch shall submit an annual report that summarizes all work project accounts. The report must include all of the following:

- (a) A list of all work project accounts.
- (b) The status of all work project accounts, including amounts expended, amounts encumbered, and available balances for each account.
- (c) The amount of funds that lapsed from any previously designated work project accounts, the name and description of the work project account, and the funds that received the lapsed amounts.

Sec. 215. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 to an entity in the judicial branch must not be expended or transferred to another account without written approval of the authorized agent of the judicial entity. If the authorized agent of the judicial entity notifies the state budget director of its approval of an expenditure or transfer, the state budget director shall immediately make the expenditure or transfer. The authorized judicial entity agent shall be designated by the chief justice of the supreme court.

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

Sec. 216. The judicial branch shall make each report required under this act readily accessible to the public and conspicuously post each required report in a single archivable location on the judicial branch's website not later than the due date required for each report. In addition to placing all reports required in the current fiscal year on the judicial branch's website, the judicial branch shall maintain on its website all reports placed on the website from previous fiscal years posted by fiscal year in the same single archivable location.

Sec. 217. Not later than November 15, the judicial branch shall disclose on a publicly accessible website private and other third-party funds received by the judicial branch in the previous fiscal year. The report must include the amount of funding received, the specific source of funding received, the purpose for which funding was expended, and the amount of any remaining funds. The report must be submitted to the standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

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. If funds in the court fee fund are insufficient to pay judges' compensation, the difference between the appropriated amount from that fund for judges' compensation and the actual amount available after the amount appropriated for trial court reimbursement is made is appropriated from the state general fund for judges' compensation. If an appropriation from the state general fund is necessary under this section, not later than 14 days after the appropriation, the state court administrative office shall submit a report to the standard report recipients and the senate and house appropriations committees.

Sec. 305. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state court administrative office shall submit a report on drug treatment, mental health, and veterans court programs in this state not later than March 1. The report must include all of the following information for each individual court, by program:

- (a) The number of each type of program.
- (b) The number of program participants.
- (c) The impact of the programs on offender criminal involvement and recidivism.
- (d) An accounting of previous fiscal year expenditures, including grant amounts requested, grant amounts awarded, and grant amounts expended.

Sec. 306. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for drug treatment courts must be administered by the state court administrative office to operate drug treatment court programs. A drug treatment court shall use all available county and state personnel involved in the disposition of cases, including, but not limited to, parole and probation agents, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, and community corrections providers. The funds may be used in connection with other federal, state, and local funding sources.

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

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

(4) To assist the department of corrections and avoid prison bed space growth for nonviolent offenders, the judicial branch shall receive \$1,500,000.00 in Byrne formula grant funding through an interdepartmental grant from the department of state police to be used to support drug treatment court costs consistent with Byrne grant program criteria.

Sec. 307. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for swift and sure sanctions programs, the state court administrative office shall administer a program to distribute grants to qualifying courts in accordance with the objectives and requirements of the probation swift and sure sanctions act, chapter XIA of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771A.1 to 771A.8. Not more than \$150,000.00 of the funds designated for the program is available to the state court administrative office to pay for employee costs associated with the administration of the program funds. Of the funds designated for the program, \$500,000.00 is reserved for programs in counties that had more than 325 individuals sentenced to prison in the previous calendar year. Courts interested in participating in the swift and sure sanctions program may apply to the state court administrative office for a portion of the funds appropriated in part 1 under this section.

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

- (a) A list of courts that participate in the program.
- (b) The number of offenders who participate in the program.
- (c) The criminal history of offenders who participate in the program.
- (d) The recidivism rate of offenders who participate in the program, including the rate of return to jail, prison, or both.
- (e) A detailed description of the establishment and parameters of the program.
- (f) An accounting of previous fiscal year expenditures, including, but not limited to, grant amounts requested by the courts, grant amounts awarded to the courts, and grant amounts expended by the courts.

Sec. 308. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial branch shall support a statewide legal self-help internet website and local nonprofit self-help centers that use the statewide website to provide assistance to individuals who represent themselves in civil legal proceedings. The state court administrative office shall summarize the costs to maintain the website, provide statistics on the number of individuals who visit the website, and provide information on content usage, form completion, and user feedback not later than March 1 for the previous fiscal year.

Sec. 309. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state court administrative office shall submit a report on the statewide judicial case management system not later than March 1. The report must provide a status update on development and implementation of the statewide judicial case management system and must include all appropriation and expenditure data for all previous and the current fiscal years.

Sec. 310. The state court administrative office shall not impose local user fees or collect local user fees from trial courts that are using the statewide judicial case management system.

Sec. 311. (1) If Byrne formula grant funding is awarded to the state appellate defender office in excess of the amount appropriated in part 1, the state appellate defender office may receive and expend not more than \$250,000.00 of Byrne formula grant funds as an interdepartmental grant from the department of state police.

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

Sec. 312. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for drug treatment courts, the judicial branch shall maintain a medication-assisted treatment program to provide treatment for opioid-addicted and alcohol-addicted individuals who are referred to and voluntarily participate in the medication-assisted treatment program.

(2) Not later than March 1, the judicial branch shall report on the medication-assisted treatment program. The report must include itemized spending by court, the number of participants, and statistics that indicate average program participation duration and success rates.

Sec. 313. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state appellate defender office shall operate the program to ensure this state's compliance with *Montgomery v Louisiana*, 577 US 190 (2016), *People v Parks*, 510 Mich 225 (2022), *People v Stovall*, 510 Mich 301 (2022), *People v Poole*, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW2d ___ (2024) (COA #352589, January 18, 2024), *People v Czarnecki*, Mich (2025), and *People v Taylor*, Mich (2025). The purpose of the program is to ensure competent, resourced, and supervised counsel in cases that involve resentencing individuals who are serving a life sentence for an offense committed when the individuals were 20 years of age or younger.

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

Sec. 314. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan appellate assigned counsel system roster attorney compensation grants must be deposited into the restricted Michigan appellate assigned counsel system attorney compensation fund created in subsection (2).

(2) The Michigan appellate assigned counsel system attorney compensation fund is created in the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund and credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Unexpended funds at the close of the fiscal year must remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. The judicial branch shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The judicial branch shall expend money from the fund to provide payments to indigent defense systems as provided under section 8a of the appellate defender act, 1978 PA 620, MCL 780.718a.

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

ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 401. From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for judicial tenure commission, the judicial tenure commission may hire up to 3.0 limited term employees to assist the commission with addressing the judicial complaint backlog.

Sec. 402. From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for juvenile life resentencing, the state appellate defender office may hire up to 14.0 limited term employees to support the financial impact of recent supreme court decisions that require resentencing of individuals who were sentenced to life without parole for crimes they committed at ages 19 and 20.

Sec. 403. From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for supreme court administration – office of reporter of decisions, the supreme court may hire 1.0 limited term employee to serve as an editor for the office of reporter of decisions. The editor must work to reduce the court of appeals backlog of opinions awaiting review and editing.