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**Article 10**

**JUDICIARY**

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS AND ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 10-101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this article, the amounts listed in this part for the judiciary are appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and are anticipated to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2028, from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations and anticipated appropriations in this part:

|    | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2027              | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2028          |
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| 1  | <b>JUDICIARY</b>   |  |
| 2  | <b>APPROPRIATION SUMMARY</b>                             |  |
| 3  | Full-time equated exempted positions.....                | 683.5                      683.5                     |
| 4  | <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION .....</b>                         | <b>\$ 391,258,400    \$ 391,258,400</b>              |
| 5  | Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental     |  |
| 6  | transfers .....  | 1,902,300                      1,902,300             |
| 7  | ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION .....                       | \$ 389,356,100    \$ 389,356,100                     |
| 8  | Total federal revenues .....                             | 7,323,000                      7,323,000             |
| 9  | Total local revenues .....                               | 0                                      0             |
| 10 | Total private revenues .....                             | 1,912,900                      1,912,900             |
| 11 | Total other state restricted revenues .....              | 96,879,600                      96,879,600           |
| 12 | State general fund/general purpose .....                 | \$ 283,240,600    \$ 283,240,600                     |
| 13 | <i>State general fund/general purpose schedule:</i>      |  |
| 14 | <i>Ongoing state general fund/general purpose .....</i>  | <i>283,240,600                      283,240,600</i>  |
| 15 | <i>One-time state general fund/general purpose .....</i> | <i>0                                      0</i>      |
| 16 | <b>Sec. 10-102. SUPREME COURT</b>                        |  |
| 17 | Full-time equated exempted positions.....                | 329.0                              329.0             |
| 18 | Community dispute resolution-4.0 FTE positions .....     | \$ 3,584,100    \$ 3,584,100                         |
| 19 | Drug treatment courts-2.0 FTE positions .....            | 13,423,400                      13,423,400           |
| 20 | Foster care review board-10.0 FTE positions .....        | 1,482,600                              1,482,600     |
| 21 | Jail reform advisory support-1.0 FTE position .....      | 163,400                              163,400         |
| 22 | Judicial information systems-113.0 FTE positions .....   | 23,410,100                      23,410,100           |
| 23 | Judicial institute-17.0 FTE positions .....              | 2,968,600                              2,968,600     |
| 24 | Justice for all initiative-2.0 FTE positions .....       | 1,547,000                              1,547,000     |
| 25 | Mental health courts and diversion services-1.0          |  |
| 26 | FTE position.....  | 5,855,700                              5,855,700     |
| 27 | Michigan legal help .....                                | 1,000,000                              1,000,000     |
| 28 | Next generation Michigan court system .....              | 4,116,000                              4,116,000     |
| 29 | Other federal grants .....                               | 275,100                                      275,100 |
| 30 | State court administrative office-83.0 FTE positions .   | 15,994,000                      15,994,000           |
| 31 | Supreme court administration-96.0 FTE positions .....    | 17,059,100                      17,059,100           |
| 32 | Swift and sure sanctions program .....                   | 1,537,600                              1,537,600     |

|   | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2027 | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2028 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Veterans courts .....                                       | 1,089,300                                   | 1,089,300                                   |
| 2 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                            | <b>\$ 93,506,000</b>                        | <b>\$ 93,506,000</b>                        |
| 3     Appropriated from:                                      |   |   |
| 4     Interdepartmental grant revenues:                       |   |   |
| 5     IDG from department of corrections .....                | 52,300                                      | 52,300                                      |
| 6     IDG from department of state police .....               | 1,600,000                                   | 1,600,000                                   |
| 7     Federal revenues:                                       |   |   |
| 8     Other federal revenues .....                            | 6,739,200                                   | 6,739,200                                   |
| 9     Special revenue funds:                                  |   |   |
| 10     Private revenues .....                                 | 1,444,500                                   | 1,444,500                                   |
| 11     Other state restricted revenues .....                  | 8,128,500                                   | 8,128,500                                   |
| 12     State general fund/general purpose .....               | \$ 75,541,500                               | \$ 75,541,500                               |
| 13 <b>Sec. 10-103. COURT OF APPEALS</b>                       |   |   |
| 14     Full-time equated exempted positions.....              | 179.0                                       | 179.0                                       |
| 15     Court of appeals operations-179.0 FTE positions .....  | \$ 28,391,900                               | \$ 28,391,900                               |
| 16 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                           | <b>\$ 28,391,900</b>                        | <b>\$ 28,391,900</b>                        |
| 17     Appropriated from:                                     |   |   |
| 18     Special revenue funds:                                 |   |   |
| 19     State general fund/general purpose .....               | \$ 28,391,900                               | \$ 28,391,900                               |
| 20 <b>Sec. 10-104. BRANCHWIDE APPROPRIATIONS</b>              |   |   |
| 21     Full-time equated exempted positions.....              | 6.0   | 6.0   |
| 22     Branchwide appropriations-6.0 FTE positions .....      | \$ 10,398,400                               | \$ 10,398,400                               |
| 23 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                           | <b>\$ 10,398,400</b>                        | <b>\$ 10,398,400</b>                        |
| 24     Appropriated from:                                     |   |   |
| 25     Special revenue funds:                                 |   |   |
| 26     State general fund/general purpose .....               | \$ 10,398,400                               | \$ 10,398,400                               |
| 27 <b>Sec. 10-105. JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION</b>     |   |   |
| 28     Full-time judges positions.....                        | 591.0                                       | 591.0                                       |
| 29     Supreme court justices' salaries-7.0 justices .....    | \$ 1,270,500                                | \$ 1,270,500                                |
| 30     Circuit court judges' state base salaries-223.0 judges | 32,563,500                                  | 32,563,500                                  |
| 31     Circuit court judicial salary standardization .....    | 10,196,800                                  | 10,196,800                                  |
| 32     Court of appeals judges' salaries-25.0 judges .....    | 5,188,500                                   | 5,188,500                                   |

|   | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2027 | For Fiscal<br>Year Ending<br>Sept. 30, 2028 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 District court judges' state base salaries-232.0            |   |   |
| 2 judges .....  | 33,877,700                                  | 33,877,700                                  |
| 3 District court judicial salary standardization .....        | 10,608,600                                  | 10,608,600                                  |
| 4 Probate court judges' state base salaries-104.0 judges      | 15,060,600                                  | 15,060,600                                  |
| 5 Probate court judicial salary standardization .....         | 4,715,300                                   | 4,715,300                                   |
| 6 Judges' retirement system defined contributions .....       | 9,734,600                                   | 9,734,600                                   |
| 7 OASI, social security .....                                 | <u>8,661,600</u>                            | <u>8,661,600</u>                            |
| 8 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                            | <b>\$ 131,877,700</b>                       | <b>\$ 131,877,700</b>                       |
| 9     Appropriated from:                                      |   |   |
| 10     Special revenue funds:                                 |   |   |
| 11     Other state restricted revenues .....                  | 3,119,300                                   | 3,119,300                                   |
| 12     State general fund/general purpose .....               | <u>\$ 128,758,400</u>                       | <u>\$ 128,758,400</u>                       |
| 13 <b>Sec. 10-106. JUDICIAL AGENCIES</b>                      |   |   |
| 14     Full-time equated exempted positions.....              | 14.0  | 14.0  |
| 15     Judicial tenure commission-14.0 FTE positions .....    | <u>\$ 2,995,100</u>                         | <u>\$ 2,995,100</u>                         |
| 16 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                           | <b>\$ 2,995,100</b>                         | <b>\$ 2,995,100</b>                         |
| 17     Appropriated from:                                     |   |   |
| 18     Special revenue funds:                                 |   |   |
| 19     State general fund/general purpose .....               | <u>\$ 2,995,100</u>                         | <u>\$ 2,995,100</u>                         |
| 20 <b>Sec. 10-107. INDIGENT DEFENSE - CRIMINAL</b>            |   |   |
| 21     Full-time equated exempted positions.....              | 129.5                                       | 129.5                                       |
| 22     Appellate public defender program-97.0 FTE positions . | <u>\$ 18,224,900</u>                        | <u>\$ 18,224,900</u>                        |
| 23     Juvenile life resentencing-32.5 FTE positions .....    | 5,621,200                                   | 5,621,200                                   |
| 24     Michigan appellate assigned counsel system roster      |   |   |
| 25     attorney compensation grants .....                     | <u>4,408,100</u>                            | <u>4,408,100</u>                            |
| 26 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b> .....                           | <b>\$ 28,254,200</b>                        | <b>\$ 28,254,200</b>                        |
| 27     Appropriated from:                                     |   |   |
| 28     Interdepartmental grant revenues:                      |   |   |
| 29     IDG from department of state police .....              | 250,000                                     | 250,000                                     |
| 30     Federal revenues:                                      |   |   |
| 31     Other federal revenues .....                           | 583,800                                     | 583,800                                     |
| 32     Special revenue funds:                                 |   |   |

|  | <b>For Fiscal<br/>Year Ending<br/>Sept. 30, 2027</b> | <b>For Fiscal<br/>Year Ending<br/>Sept. 30, 2028</b> |
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| 1 Private revenues .....                                     | 468,400  | 468,400  |
| 2 Other state restricted revenues .....                      | 172,400  | 172,400  |
| 3 State general fund/general purpose .....                   | \$ 26,779,600  | \$ 26,779,600  |
| 4 <b>Sec. 10-108. INDIGENT CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE</b>        |  |  |
| 5 Indigent civil legal assistance .....                      | \$ <u>7,937,000</u>                                  | \$ <u>7,937,000</u>                                  |
| 6 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION .....</b>                           | <b>\$ 7,937,000</b>                                  | <b>\$ 7,937,000</b>                                  |
| 7     Appropriated from:                                     |  |  |
| 8     Special revenue funds:                                 |  |  |
| 9     Other state restricted revenues .....                  | 7,937,000  | 7,937,000  |
| 10    State general fund/general purpose .....               | \$ 0   | \$ 0   |
| 11 <b>Sec. 10-109. TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>                |  |  |
| 12    Full-time equated exempted positions.....              | 26.0   | 26.0   |
| 13    Court equity fund reimbursements .....                 | \$ 60,815,700  | \$ 60,815,700  |
| 14    Drug case-flow program .....                           | 250,000  | 250,000  |
| 15    Drunk driving case-flow program .....                  | 3,300,000  | 3,300,000  |
| 16    Judicial technology improvement fund .....             | 4,815,000  | 4,815,000  |
| 17    Juror compensation reimbursement-1.0 FTE position .... | 6,619,900  | 6,619,900  |
| 18    Statewide e-file system-25.0 FTE positions .....       | <u>12,097,500</u>                                    | <u>12,097,500</u>                                    |
| 19 <b>GROSS APPROPRIATION .....</b>                          | <b>\$ 87,898,100</b>                                 | <b>\$ 87,898,100</b>                                 |
| 20     Appropriated from:                                    |  |  |
| 21     Special revenue funds:                                |  |  |
| 22     Other state restricted revenues .....                 | 77,522,400   | 77,522,400   |
| 23     State general fund/general purpose .....              | \$ 10,375,700  | \$ 10,375,700  |

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2027

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 10-201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027 is \$380,120,200.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2027 is \$169,486,400.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

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|   |    |                   |
|---|----|-------------------|
| Drug treatment courts.....                          | \$ | 9,373,400         |
| Judicial information systems.....                   |    | 17,319,100        |
| Mental health courts and diversion services.....    |    | 5,855,700         |
| Next generation Michigan court system.....          |    | 4,116,000         |
| State court administrative office.....              |    | 200,000           |
| Swift and sure sanctions program.....               |    | 1,537,600         |
| Veterans courts.....                                |    | 1,089,300         |
| Circuit court judicial salary standardization.....  |    | 10,196,800        |
| District court judicial salary standardization..... |    | 10,608,600        |
| Probate court judges' state base salaries.....      |    | 15,060,600        |
| Probate court judicial salary standardization.....  |    | 4,715,300         |
| OASI, social security.....                          |    | 1,515,900         |
| 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.....               |    | 6,619,900         |
| Statewide e-file system.....                        |    | <u>12,097,500</u> |
| TOTAL .....   | \$ | 169,486,400       |

Sec. 10-202. 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.

1           Sec. 10-203. As used in this part and part 1:

2           (a) "FTE" means full-time equated exempted positions.

3           (b) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

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

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

8           Sec. 10-204. The judicial branch shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting  
9 requirements of this part and shall make each report readily accessible to the public and  
10 conspicuously post each required report on the branch's website not later than the  
11 applicable due date. In addition, the judicial branch shall maintain on its website reports  
12 posted in previous fiscal years. The judicial branch shall also transmit all required  
13 reports under this part to the standard report recipients and any other required recipients  
14 by email.

15           Sec. 10-205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the management and budget  
16 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the following apply to the expenditure of funds  
17 appropriated in part 1:

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

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

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

26           Sec. 10-206. The state court administrative office shall prepare a report on out-of-  
27 state travel expenses not later than January 1. The report must list all travel outside  
28 this state by judicial branch employees in the previous fiscal year that was funded in  
29 whole or in part with funds appropriated in the judicial branch's budget. The state court  
30 administrative office shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to the  
31 senate and house appropriations committees. The report must include all of the following  
32 information:

1 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

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

6 Sec. 10-207. Not later than December 15, the judicial branch shall prepare and submit  
7 a report that provides estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation  
8 lapses at the close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the projected  
9 year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major judicial program or  
10 program areas. The report shall be submitted to the standard report recipients and to the  
11 chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees. In lieu of direct  
12 submission, the judicial branch may coordinate the completion and submission of the report  
13 with the state budget office.

14 Sec. 10-208. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial branch shall  
15 maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that posts all of the  
16 expenditures made by the judicial branch within a fiscal year. A post must include the  
17 purpose for the expenditure. The judicial branch shall not provide financial information on  
18 the public website that would violate a federal or state law, rule, regulation, or  
19 guideline that establishes privacy or security standards applicable to that financial  
20 information.

21 Sec. 10-214. Not later than 6 months after the state budget office issues work  
22 project letters, the judicial branch shall submit an annual report that summarizes all work  
23 project accounts. The report must include all of the following:

24 (a) A list of all work project accounts.

25 (b) The status of all work project accounts, including amounts expended, amounts  
26 encumbered, and available balances for each account.

27 (c) The amount of funds that lapsed from any previously designated work project  
28 accounts, the name and description of the work project account, and the funds that received  
29 the lapsed amounts.

30 Sec. 10-215. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 to an entity in the judicial branch  
31 must not be expended or transferred to another account without written approval of the  
32 authorized agent of the judicial entity. If the authorized agent of the judicial entity

1 notifies the state budget director of its approval of an expenditure or transfer, the state  
2 budget director shall immediately make the expenditure or transfer. The authorized judicial  
3 entity agent shall be designated by the chief justice of the supreme court.

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

6 Sec. 10-217. The chief justice shall take steps to ensure that all state fiscal  
7 recovery funds received under the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 by the  
8 judicial branch are expended by December 31, 2026, as required by law. Any state fiscal  
9 recovery funds that would otherwise lapse after September 30, 2026 are automatically  
10 reappropriated for the same purpose as originally authorized and available for expenditure  
11 through December 31, 2026 and any subsequent financial close out period.

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14 Sec. 10-301. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the judicial branch,  
15 \$711,900.00 is allocated for circuit court reimbursement under section 3 of 1978 PA 16, MCL  
16 800.453, and for costs associated with the court of claims.

17 Sec. 10-302. A member of the legislature may request a report or data from the data  
18 collected in the judicial data warehouse. The report must be made available to the public  
19 upon request, unless disclosure is prohibited by court order or state or federal law. If  
20 data is provided under this section, the data must be public and nonidentifying  
21 information, as determined by the state court administrative office. As used in this  
22 section, "nonidentifying information" means information that does not include personal  
23 information that, if released, would be considered invasion of privacy.

24 Sec. 10-303. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for community dispute resolution,  
25 community dispute resolution centers shall provide dispute resolution services specified in  
26 the community dispute resolution act, 1988 PA 260, MCL 691.1551 to 691.1564, help reduce  
27 suspensions and truancy, and improve school environment. The funds appropriated in part 1  
28 for community dispute resolution may be used to develop or expand juvenile diversion  
29 services in coordination with local prosecutors.

30 Sec. 10-304. If funds in the court fee fund are insufficient to pay judges'  
31 compensation, the difference between the appropriated amount from that fund for judges'  
32 compensation and the actual amount available after the amount appropriated for trial court

1 reimbursement is made is appropriated from the state general fund for judges' compensation.  
2 If an appropriation from the state general fund is necessary under this section, not later  
3 than 14 days after the appropriation, the state court administrative office shall submit a  
4 report to the standard report recipients and the senate and house appropriations  
5 committees.

6 Sec. 10-305. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state court administrative  
7 office shall submit a report on drug treatment, mental health, and veterans court programs  
8 in this state not later than March 1. The report must include all of the following  
9 information for each individual court, by program:

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

15 Sec. 10-306. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for drug treatment courts must be  
16 administered by the state court administrative office to operate drug treatment court  
17 programs. A drug treatment court shall use all available county and state personnel  
18 involved in the disposition of cases, including, but not limited to, parole and probation  
19 agents, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, and community corrections providers. The  
20 funds may be used in connection with other federal, state, and local funding sources.

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

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

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

30 Sec. 10-307. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for swift and sure sanctions  
31 programs, the state court administrative office shall administer a program to distribute  
32 grants to qualifying courts in accordance with the objectives and requirements of the

1 probation swift and sure sanctions act, chapter XIA of the code of criminal procedure, 1927  
2 PA 175, MCL 771A.1 to 771A.8. Courts interested in participating in the swift and sure  
3 sanctions program may apply to the state court administrative office for a portion of the  
4 funds appropriated in part 1 under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Sec. 10-308. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial branch shall support  
19 a statewide legal self-help internet website and local nonprofit self-help centers that use  
20 the statewide website to provide assistance to individuals who represent themselves in  
21 civil legal proceedings. The state court administrative office shall summarize the costs to  
22 maintain the website, provide statistics on the number of individuals who visit the  
23 website, and provide information on content usage, form completion, and user feedback not  
24 later than March 1 for the previous fiscal year.

25 Sec. 10-309. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state court administrative  
26 office shall submit a report on the statewide judicial case management system not later  
27 than March 1. The report must provide a status update on development and implementation of  
28 the statewide judicial case management system and must include all appropriation and  
29 expenditure data for all previous and the current fiscal years.

30 Sec. 10-310. The state court administrative office shall not impose local user fees  
31 or collect local user fees from trial courts that are using the statewide judicial case  
32 management system.

1           Sec. 10-311. (1) If Byrne formula grant funding is awarded to the state appellate  
2 defender office in excess of the amount appropriated in part 1, the state appellate  
3 defender office may receive and expend not more than \$250,000.00 of Byrne formula grant  
4 funds as an interdepartmental grant from the department of state police.

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

9           Sec. 10-313. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state appellate defender  
10 office shall operate the program to ensure this states compliance with Montgomery v  
11 Louisiana, 577 US 190 (2016), People v Parks, 510 Mich 225 (2022), People v Stovall, 510  
12 Mich 301 (2022), People v Poole, \_\_\_ Mich App \_\_\_ (2025), People v Czarnecki, \_\_\_ Mich\_\_\_  
13 (2025), and People v Taylor, \_\_\_ Mich \_\_\_ (2025). The purpose of the program is to ensure  
14 competent, resourced, and supervised counsel in cases that involve resentencing individuals  
15 who are serving a life sentence for an offense committed when the individuals were 20 years  
16 of age or younger.

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

21           Sec. 10-314. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan appellate assigned  
22 counsel system roster attorney compensation grants must be deposited into the restricted  
23 Michigan appellate assigned counsel system attorney compensation fund created in subsection  
24 (2).

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

1 PA 620, MCL 780.718a.

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