

FY 2025-26 JUDICIARY BUDGET

H.B. 4706 (P.A. 22 of 2025): INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Article 8



FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE*	FY 2025-26 INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGES FROM FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions	643.5	643.5	0.0	0.0
GROSS	373,769,700	383,621,700	9,852,000	2.6
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received	2,414,400	1,902,300	(512,100)	(21.2)
ADJUSTED GROSS	371,355,300	381,719,400	10,364,100	2.8
Less:				
Federal Funds	7,132,600	7,270,900	138,300	1.9
Local and Private.....	1,905,300	1,906,400	1,100	0.1
TOTAL STATE SPENDING.....	362,317,400	372,542,100	10,224,700	2.8
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds.....	96,158,400	96,468,300	309,900	0.3
GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE	266,159,000	276,073,800	9,914,800	3.7
PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	153,974,800	151,181,500	(2,793,300)	(1.8)

*As of October 7, 2025.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date:

- 1. New Sections.** The Conference added a section estimating fiscal year employee legacy costs (Sec. **210**), a section prioritizing work project spending (Sec. **213**), a section requiring quarterly work project reports (Sec. **214**), a section requiring reports be posted online (Sec. **216**), a section requiring disclosure of third part funding (Sec. **217**), a one-time section for the Judicial Tenure Commission backlog (Sec. **401**), a one-time section for lifer resentencing costs (Sec. **402**), and a one-time section for a position in the office of reporter of decisions (Sec. **403**).
- 2. Amended Sections.** The Conference amended a section requiring more specificity in the travel report (Sec. **206**).
- 3. Removed Sections.** The Conference removed a section directing mental health courts spending. (Sec. **304**).

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FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date Appropriation	\$373,769,700	\$266,159,000		
	CHANGE FROM FY 2024-25 Y-T-D		FY 2025-26 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	
	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<u>Baseline Adjustments</u>				
1. Statutory Judgeship Changes. The Conference included funding for two additional circuit court judges as per statute.	539,200	123,500	127,964,500	124,936,300
2. Collectively Bargained Salary Adjustment for State Appellate Defender Office (SADO). The Conference included funding for pay increases up to 4% for UAW-represented employees. This was in addition to cost-of-living adjustments included in defined calculations.	488,500	488,500	22,250,300	20,775,700
3. Michigan Legal Help Program. The Conference included salary increases based on an outside review and increased IT costs.	400,000	400,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
4. Drug Court Case Management System Contractual Increase. The Conference included increased contractual costs to maintain the system.	265,000	265,000	20,836,300	14,865,800
5. Non-Exclusively Represented Salary Adjustment for SADO. The Conference included funding a base 2% increase for non-represented staff in addition to cost-of-living adjustments included in defined calculations.	102,500	102,500	22,250,300	20,775,700
6. Problem Solving Courts Federal Funds Adjustment. The Conference increased spending authority for available Federal Highway Safety Funds.	100,000	0	20,836,300	14,865,800
7. Michigan Legal Help. The Conference agreed to unroll spending for Michigan Legal Help from the Judicial Information Systems line.	0	0	600,000	600,000
8. Removal of Prior Year Justices' Salary Increase. The Conference removed prior-year pay increases that could not be added after House Concurrent Resolution 6 was not approved by the Conference in the prior legislative session.	(166,600)	(166,600)	1,270,500	1,270,500
9. Economic Adjustments. Includes \$5,951,700 Gross and \$5,747,000 GF/GP for total economic adjustments.	5,951,700	5,747,000	N/A	N/A
<u>New Programs/Program Increases - NONE</u>				
<u>Eliminations/Reductions - NONE</u>				

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	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<u>Other</u>				
10. Statewide Case Management. The Conference shifted \$1.8m from the Swift & Sure Program to the Judicial Information Systems line for ongoing Statewide Case Management cost increases.	0	0	N/A	N/A
11. Supplemental Backout from Public Act 22 of 2025. Supplemental appropriations from the omnibus are removed as a technical backout.	(328,300)	(45,100)	N/A	N/A
<u>One-Time Appropriations</u>				
12. SADO Lifer Resentencing. The Conference included one-time GF/GP and 14.0 limited term FTEs to cover resentencing hearings required by State Supreme Court.	2,325,000	2,325,000	2,325,000	2,325,000
13. Statewide Judicial Case Management. The Conference included one-time GF/GP for Case Management costs.	2,007,600	2,007,600	2,007,600	2,007,600
14. Judicial Tenure Commission Backlog. The Conference included additional GF/GP and 3.0 limited term FTEs to address the current judicial review backlog.	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
15. Reporter of Decisions. The Conference included funding and 1.0 limited term FTE for an editor of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.	167,400	167,400	167,400	167,400
16. Removal of FY 2024-25 One-Time Appropriations. Prior year one-time appropriations for a Status Offender program, an Eviction Diversion program, a License Renewal program, and an Oral Fluid Testing program were removed.	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0
Total Changes	\$9,852,000	\$9,914,800		
FY 2025-26 INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$383,621,700	\$276,073,800		

Date Completed: 10-7-25

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One-Tir Item #	Budget Area/Line Items	Gov Changes to FY 2024-25			House Changes to FY 2024-25			Senate Changes to FY 2024-25			Conference Changes to FY 2024-25			NOTES	
		FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP		
	JUDICIARY														
	Ongoing Changes														
1	Statutory judgeship changes	0.0	539,200	123,500	0.0	539,200	123,500	0.0	539,200	123,500		539,200	123,500		
2	SADO salary adjustments - collectively bargained	0.0	488,500	488,500	0.0	0	0	0.0	488,500	488,500		488,500	488,500		
3	SADO salary adjustments - non-exclusively represented	0.0	102,500	102,500	0.0	0	0	0.0	102,500	102,500		102,500	102,500		
4	Michigan legal help program cost increase	0.0	400,000	400,000	0.0	0	0	0.0	400,000	400,000		400,000	400,000		
5	Drug court case management system contractual increase	0.0	265,000	265,000	0.0	0	0	0.0	265,000	265,000		265,000	265,000		
6	Justice salary increase not approved	0.0	(166,600)	(166,600)	0.0	(166,600)	(166,600)	0.0	(166,600)	(166,600)		(166,600)	(166,600)		
7	Federal funds adjustment for problem solving courts	0.0	100,000	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	100,000	0		100,000	0		
8	Continued rollout - statewide case management system	12.0	7,200,000	7,200,000	0.0	(13,499,100)	(13,499,100)	12.0	7,200,000	7,200,000		1,812,400	1,812,400		
9	SCAO HR/Finance staff support recommendation from NCSC	7.0	3,839,300	3,839,300	0.0	0	0	7.0	2,708,900	2,708,900					
10	Problem-solving courts - costs support	2.0	1,584,000	1,584,000	0.0	0	0	2.0	1,500,000	1,500,000					
11	SADO workload standards increase	12.0	2,325,000	2,325,000	0.0	0	0	12.0	2,325,000	2,325,000					
12	Judiciary grant officer	1.0	210,000	210,000	0.0	0	0	1.0	210,000	210,000					
13	Training for judges and court staff	3.0	533,700	533,700	0.0	0	0	3.0	533,700	533,700					
14	Judicial opinion reporting staff	1.0	167,400	167,400	1.0	167,400	167,400	1.0	167,400	167,400					
15	SCAO court programs/trial court ops staff support	3.0	532,500	355,000	0.0	0	0	3.0	532,500	355,000					
16	Swift and Sure reduction											(1,812,400)	(1,812,400)		
17	Judges salaries - HB 4161				0.0	0	0								
18	Local user fees for case management	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	(5,500,000)	0.0	0	0					
19	Transfer funding from SCAO to prescription compliance				0.0	0	0								
20	Transfer funding from SCAO to SADO				0.0	0	0								
21	Transfer from MIDC (LARA) to SADO for resentencing				0.0	2,049,000	2,049,000								
22	Eliminate jail reform advisory support				(1.0)	(157,700)	(157,700)								
23	Eliminate justice for all program				(2.0)	(1,534,700)	(1,534,700)								
24	Eliminate next gen MI court system program				0.0	(4,116,000)	(4,116,000)								
25	Eliminate swift & sure sanctions program				0.0	(3,350,000)	(1,812,400)								
26	Supplemental backout											0.0	(328,300)	(45,100)	PA 22 supplemental backout
27	Other program reductions				0.0	(9,700,000)	(9,700,000)								
28	Unclassified salaries	0.0	0	0				0.0	0	0					
29	Economic adjustments	0.0	5,951,700	5,747,000	0.0	2,972,600	2,870,200	0.0	5,951,700	5,747,000		5,951,700	5,747,000		
	Subtotal - Ongoing	41.0	24,072,200	23,174,300	(2.0)	(26,795,900)	(31,276,400)	41.0	22,857,800	21,959,900		0.0	7,352,000	6,914,800	
	One-Time Changes														
1	Innocence project grant				0.0	0	0	0.0	1,000,000	1,000,000					
1	Judicial tenure commission backlog				0.0	0	0	0.0	499,900	499,900		0.0	500,000	500,000	3.0 FTE LTE
1	Office of reporter of decisions											0.0	167,400	167,400	1.0 FTE LTE
1	SADO relief											0.0	2,325,000	2,325,000	14.0 FTE LTE
1	Case management system												2,007,600	2,007,600	
1	SADO lifer resentencing				0.0	0	0	0.0	100	100					
1	Remove FY25 one-time and supplemental appropriations	0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)		(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)		
	Subtotal - One-Time	0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(2,500,000)	(2,000,000)	0.0	(1,000,000)	(500,000)		0.0	2,500,000	3,000,000	
	TOTAL JUDICIARY	41.0	21,572,200	21,174,300	(2.0)	(29,295,900)	(33,276,400)	41.0	21,857,800	21,459,900		0.0	9,852,000	9,914,800	