

FY 2026-27 JUDICIARY BUDGET

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Article 8

Committee: Appropriations



FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2025-26 YEAR-TO-DATE*	FY 2026-27 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	CHANGES FROM FY 2025-26 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions	643.5	683.5	40.0	6.2
GROSS	383,621,700	391,258,400	7,636,700	2.0
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received	1,902,300	1,902,300	0	0.0
ADJUSTED GROSS	381,719,400	389,356,100	7,636,700	2.0
Less:				
Federal Funds	7,270,900	7,323,000	52,100	0.7
Local and Private.....	1,906,400	1,912,900	6,500	0.3
TOTAL STATE SPENDING.....	372,542,100	380,120,200	7,578,100	2.0
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds.....	96,468,300	96,879,600	411,300	0.4
GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE	276,073,800	283,240,600	7,166,800	2.6
PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	151,181,500	169,486,400	18,304,900	12.1

*As of February 11, 2026.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2025-26 Year-to-Date:

- 1. New Boilerplate:** The Governor included new boilerplate allowing the Chief Justice to extend spending authorization for state fiscal recovery funds beyond the end of FY 2025-26 (**Proposed Sec. 217**).
- 2. Deletions:** The Governor recommended deleting boilerplate that requires an annual report on restricted fund balances (**Sec. 209**), estimates legacy costs (**Sec. 210**), prohibits disciplinary action against department employees that communicate with the legislature (**Sec. 211**), requires state and Federal compliance regarding report retention (**Sec. 212**), requires the department prioritize work project spending (**Sec. 213**), requires reporting third party funds received (**Sec. 217**), and requires the maintenance of a medication-assisted treatment program and report (**Sec. 312**). Current year one-time boilerplate also was removed (**Secs. 401, 402, & 403**).
- 3. Amendments:** The Governor combined language from two separate, current year boilerplate sections (**Sec. 204 & 216**) into a single section requiring internet posting of reports (**Sec. 204**). The Governor also removed language limiting the use of Swift and Sure funds (**Sec. 307**).

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FY 2025-26 Year-to-Date Appropriation	\$383,621,700	\$276,073,800		
	CHANGE FROM FY 2025-26 Y-T-D		FY 2026-27 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	
	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<u>Baseline Adjustments</u>				
1. Resentencing Hearings for 19/20-Year-olds. The Governor recommended an increase for new resentencing hearings required by the state Supreme Court decisions in <i>People v. Czarnecki</i> and <i>People v. Taylor</i> .	2,371,800	2,371,800	5,621,200	5,621,200
2. Appellate Assigned Counsel System Compensation. The Governor recommended an increase in pay rates for defense attorneys provided through the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System.	1,200,000	1,200,000	4,408,100	4,408,100
3. State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) Salary Adjustments, Collectively Bargained. The Governor recommended salary adjustments for represented SADO employees.	382,300	382,300	23,846,100	22,371,500
4. New Problem-Solving Courts. The Governor included increased funding for problem-solving courts to support new programs.	250,000	250,000	20,368,400	14,397,900
5. Security Increase for Hall of Justice. The Governor recommended a contractual increase for security officers at the Hall of Justice.	100,000	100,000	NA	NA
6. SADO Salary Adjustments – Non-Exclusively Represented. The Governor recommended salary adjustments for non-represented SADO employees.	52,200	52,200	23,846,100	22,371,500
7. Rent Adjustment. The Governor recommended a decrease in building costs following the move for the Court of Appeals from leased space in Troy to existing space at Cadillac Place in Detroit.	(359,000)	(359,000)	NA	NA
8. Economic Adjustments. Includes \$5,727,300 Gross and \$5,441,900 GF/GP for total economic adjustments.	5,727,300	5,441,900	NA	NA
<u>New Programs/Program Increases</u>				
9. Statewide Case Management System Implementation. The Governor recommended an increase to support the ongoing costs of the new system implementation. The request includes 13.0 new FTEs.	2,007,600	2,007,600	NA	NA
10. SADO Caseload Increase. The Governor recommended an increase in funding for SADO to expand its representational capacity and ensure constitutional requirements for a right to counsel are fulfilled.	720,000	720,000	18,224,900	16,750,300

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	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
11. Community Dispute Resolution Staffing. The Governor recommended adding a staffing position for the program bringing the total up to 4.0 FTEs.	184,500	0	3,388,800	879,100
<u>Eliminations/Reductions - NONE</u>				
<u>One-Time Appropriations</u>				
12. Removal of FY 2025-26 One Time Appropriations. The Governor did not renew current year one-time appropriations, including \$2.3 million GF/GP for juvenile lifer resentencing, \$2.0 million GF/GP for Statewide Case Management, \$500,000 GF/GP to address the Judicial Tenure Commission judicial complaint backlog, and \$167,400 for an FTE, Reporter of Decisions for the Court of Appeals.	-5,000,000	-5,000,000	0	0
<u>Other - NONE</u>				
Total Changes.....	\$7,636,700	\$7,166,800		
FY 2026-27 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION.....	\$391,258,400	\$283,240,600		

Date Completed: 2-19-26

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Item #	Budget Area/Line Items	FTE	Gov Changes to FY 2025-26	
			GROSS	GF/GP
JUDICIARY				
<u>Non-CSB Ongoing Changes</u>				
1	Statewide case management system rollout increase	13.0	2,007,600	2,007,600
2	State appellate defender caseload increase	3.0	720,000	720,000
3	Community dispute resolution staffing	1.0	184,500	0
Subtotal - Non-CSB Ongoing		17.0	2,912,100	2,727,600
<u>CSB Ongoing Changes</u>				
1	Economic adjustments	0.0	5,727,300	5,441,900
2	Unclassified salaries	0.0	0	0
3	Resentencing hearings for 19/20 year olds	14.0	2,371,800	2,371,800
4	Rate of pay increase for MAACS defense attorneys	0.0	1,200,000	1,200,000
5	SADO salary adjustments for represented employees	0.0	382,300	382,300
6	Problem solving courts increase for new programs	0.0	250,000	250,000
7	Hall of Justice security increase	0.0	100,000	100,000
8	SADO salary adjustments for non-represented employees	0.0	52,200	52,200
9	Statewide case management system staffing authorization	9.0	0	0
10	Court of appeals rent adjustment	0.0	(359,000)	(359,000)
Subtotal - CSB Ongoing		23.0	9,724,600	9,439,200
<u>One-Time Changes</u>				
1	Remove FY26 one-time and supplemental appropriations	0.0	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Subtotal - One-Time		0.0	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
TOTAL JUDICIARY		40.0	7,636,700	7,166,800