1998 Special Session I

Budget Bill - SB4001 (Introduced)

Supreme Court

Item 22	First Year - FY1999	Second Year - FY2000
Administrative and Support Services (34900)	**$5,432,411**	**$5,370,571**
General Management and Direction (34901)	$5,432,411	$5,370,571
Fund Sources:		
General	$4,985,536	$4,923,696
Special	$166,875	$166,875
Federal Trust	$280,000	$280,000

Authority: §§ 16.1-69.30, 16.1-69.33, 17-111.1 through 17-111.7 and 17-116.3, Code of Virginia.

A. The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall submit a monthly summary to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, which will report the number of individuals for whom legal or medical services were provided and the nature and cost of such services as are authorized for payment from the criminal fund or the involuntary mental commitment fund.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-326, Code of Virginia, the amount of attorney's fees allowed counsel for indigent defendants in appeals to the Supreme Court shall be in the discretion of the Supreme Court.

C. The Chief Justice is authorized to reallocate legal support staff between the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Virginia, in order to meet changing workload demands.

D. Prior to January 1 of each year, the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts are requested to submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

E. The Supreme Court of Virginia shall establish a procedure for all clerks of all courts in the Commonwealth to accept the remittance of unpaid delinquent court ordered fines, fees, and costs whose collection has been contracted to private collection agents. Such procedures shall include provisions for the assessment of a fee from such agents, or a deduction from the receivables of such agents, which is adequate to account for the direct and indirect costs of processing such payments. The Court shall further develop a system to process and report on such collections. To the extent necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to approve a working capital advance or Treasury loan for such purpose upon the request of the Supreme Court of Virginia.