2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

General District Courts

Item 34	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Pre-Trial, Trial, and Appellate Processes (32100)	**$184,169,557**	**$184,169,557**
Trial Processes (32103)	$135,744,072	$135,744,072
Other Court Costs And Allowances (Criminal Fund) (32104)	$39,851,928	$39,851,928
Involuntary Mental Commitments (32105)	$8,573,557	$8,573,557
Fund Sources:		
General	$184,169,557	$184,169,557

Authority: Article VI, Section 8, Constitution of Virginia; §§ 16.1-69.1 through 16.1-137, 19.2-163 and 37.2-809 et seq., Code of Virginia.

A. Out of the amounts in this Item for Trial Processes shall be paid:

1. The annual salaries of all General District Court judges, $202,194 the first year and $206,238 the second year. Such salary shall be 90 percent of the annual salary fixed by law for judges of the Circuit Courts and shall represent the total compensation for General District Court Judges and incorporate all supplements formerly paid by the various localities.

2. The salaries of substitute judges and court personnel.

B. There is hereby reappropriated the unexpended balances remaining at the close of business on June 30, 2026, in the appropriation made in Item 34, Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, in the item details Other Court Costs and Allowances (Criminal Fund) and Involuntary Mental Commitments and the balances remaining in these item details on June 30, 2027.

C. Any balance, or portion thereof, in the item detail Involuntary Mental Commitments, may be transferred between Items 34, 35, 36, and 289, as needed, to cover any deficits incurred for Involuntary Mental Commitments by the Supreme Court or the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

D. The appropriation in this Item for Other Court Costs and Allowances (Criminal Fund) shall be used to implement the provisions of § 8.01-384.1:1, Code of Virginia.

E. A district court judge shall only be reimbursed for mileage for commuting if the judge has to travel to a courthouse in a county or city other than the one in which the judge resides and the distance between the judge's residence and the courthouse is greater than 25 miles.

F. Upon the retirement or separation from employment of any chief general district court clerks from the 7th judicial district or the 13th judicial district, any vacant chief clerk positions in excess of one chief clerk for each general district court shall be reallocated by the Committee on District Courts to district courts with the highest

documented unmet staffing requirements.