

Judicial Department

Adopted Amendments (\$ in millions)				
	FY 2017 Adopted		FY 2018 Adopted	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2016-18 Current Budget (Chapter 780, 2016 Session)	\$484.5	\$33.2	\$485.3	\$33.2
Increases	0.0	0.1	2.8	0.1
Decreases	<u>(1.6)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(2.5)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	(1.6)	0.1	0.3	0.1
Chapter 836 (HB 1500, as Adopted)	\$482.9	\$33.2	\$485.6	\$33.3
% Change	(0.3%)	0.2%	0.06%	0.3%
FTEs	3,267.71	104.00	3,267.71	104.00
# Change	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

- **Supreme Court of Virginia**
 - ***Criminal Fund and Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund.*** Transfers a total of \$300,000 GF the second year from the Criminal Fund to the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund to cover increased costs for mental health evaluations and care related to involuntary commitments. This funding is distributed across the General, Juvenile and Domestic Relations, and Combined District Courts.
 - ***Fines and Costs.*** Directs the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to review the experience of the court providing the option to any person upon whom a fine and costs have been imposed to discharge all or part of the fine or costs by earning credits for community service work. This includes a projection of the anticipated impact of Rule 1:24 adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016.
 - ***Bristol Drug Court.*** Adds \$50,000 GF the second year for a substance abuse treatment pilot program at the Bristol adult drug court.

- **Information Technology.** Provides \$137,000 GF the second year for system changes to allow for remote access to criminal case information, pursuant to Chapters 78 and 92 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly (HB 1713/SB 1044).

- **General District Courts**

- **Reallocation of Positions.** Directs the Committee on District Courts, on or before January 1, 2018, to reallocate four district court clerk positions from the 13th to the 14th judicial districts to reflect current workload requirements.

- **Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts**

- **Guardians ad Litem.** Sets an expiration date of June 30, 2017, for budget language related to payments for Guardians ad Litem. Chapter 676 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly (SB 1343) moves the language authorizing payments for this program to the Code of Virginia, so the budget language is no longer necessary. However, this amendment assures that the payments will continue to be authorized until Chapter 676 goes into effect on July 1, 2017.

- **Board of Bar Examiners**

- **Per Diem and Compensation Rate Changes.** Adds \$34,000 NGF each year to cover compensation and per diem rate changes, based on Supreme Court instructions.
- **Receptionist.** Provides \$7,395 NGF the first year and \$59,150 NGF the second year and one receptionist position to address increased workload.
- **Internal Audit.** Includes \$15,000 NGF the first year to cover the one-time cost for a consultant for audit compliance with information technology standards.
- **Security Services.** Includes \$11,000 NGF the first year and \$12,500 NGF the second year for increased security during bar examinations, hearings, and board meetings.

- **Judicial Reversion Clearing Account**

- **Filling Vacant Judgeships.** Authorizes funding to fill ten judgeships in which the incumbent judge will have retired as of July 1, 2017. This translates into a total of 407 funded circuit and district judgeships in the second year. The amendment leaves a balance of \$90,000 to pay for substitute judges in courts where the judges are serving on active duty and provides for reversion to the general fund of \$198,822 the second year. The judgeships to be filled include:

- One each in the 3rd, 6th, and 7th Circuits, and two in the 19th Circuit;
- One each in the 8th and 15th General District; and,

- One each in the 2nd, 5th, and 20th Juvenile and Domestic Relations District.
- ***District Court Clerks Compensation.*** Removes \$1.6 million GF the first year and \$2.5 million GF the second year for the salary adjustments approved for district court clerks and deputy clerks by the 2016 General Assembly. This initiative was to have been effective December 1, 2016, but was contingent upon FY 2016 general fund revenue collections not falling more than one percent below the official forecast.
- ***District Court Clerks Compensation.*** Provides \$2.6 million GF the second year for the same compensation initiative for district court clerks and deputy clerks, with a new effective date of September 10, 2017.
- ***Criminal Fund Balance.*** Transfers a fiscal year 2016 balance of \$1.5 million from the Criminal Fund to the general fund.