

Judicial Department

Governor's Proposed Amendments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2019 Proposed		FY 2020 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2018-20 Current Budget (Ch. 2, 2018 Special Session I)	\$495.7	\$33.7	\$505.1	\$33.7
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0
Proposed Decreases	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0
HB 1700/SB 1100, as Introduced	\$495.7	\$33.7	\$508.6	\$33.7
% Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
FTEs	3,267.71	106.00	3,287.71	106.00
# Change	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00

- **Supreme Court of Virginia**
 - *Relocate Judicial Branch Data Center.* Recommends \$288,000 GF the second year to the Office of the Executive Secretary for the ongoing cost of housing the judicial system data center in a secure, off-site facility. The judicial branch data center has experienced more frequent outages in recent years, and the Supreme Court building currently lacks sufficient connectivity, power availability, fire suppression and HVAC capabilities to support continued data center operations. The Supreme Court has already re-located the judicial branch data center to a secure, vendor-operated facility in eastern Henrico County.
- **Indigent Defense Commission**
 - *New Paralegal Positions.* Proposes \$637,000 GF the second year for the Commission to hire 20 additional paralegals in order to address the workload demands created by increased use of body-worn cameras on public defenders. According to the Commission, the use of body-worn cameras has increased the

average workload for attorneys in public defenders offices by several hours per week. The new paralegal positions are intended to help reduce the workload on attorneys in public defenders offices in a more cost-effective manner than hiring additional attorneys. These would be the first paralegal positions ever funded for public defenders offices in Virginia.

- **Virginia State Bar**

- *Civil Defense Housing Attorneys.* Proposes \$2.6 million GF the second year to support legal aid programs to assist low income tenants in housing eviction cases. The Virginia State Bar currently contracts with the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia to provide civil indigent defense to low-income Virginians. In FY 2018, the State Bar spent a total of \$10.8 million on civil indigent defense, of which \$4.4 million came from the general fund. In FY 2017, the Legal Service Corporation of Virginia provided legal services in approximately 6,100 housing cases. According to the State Bar, the additional funds would allow for the hiring of up to 35 additional attorneys who would be assigned to eviction dockets to provide an increased level of services to housing clients.