

# Judicial Department

<b>Adopted Amendments</b> (\$ in millions)				
	<b>FY 2019 Adopted</b>		<b>FY 2020 Adopted</b>	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
<b>2018-20 Current Budget</b> (Chapter 2, 2018 Special Session I)	<b>\$495.7</b>	<b>\$33.7</b>	<b>\$505.1</b>	<b>\$33.7</b>
Increases	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0
Decreases	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0
<b>Chapter 854 (HB 1700, as Adopted)</b>	<b>\$495.7</b>	<b>\$33.7</b>	<b>\$507.3</b>	<b>\$33.7</b>
% Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	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.*** Provides \$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. Due to these issues, the Supreme Court has re-located the judicial branch data center to a secure, vendor-operated facility in eastern Henrico County.
- ***Authorize Reversion of Criminal Fund Balances.*** Authorizes the reversion of \$4.5 million the first year in Criminal Fund balances to the general fund, resulting in a projected carry-forward balance of \$2.4 million over the biennium for the Criminal Fund.

- ***Create Attorney Wellness Fund.*** Establishes the Judicial Wellness Fund to facilitate wellness initiatives aimed at preventing substance use and behavioral health disorders among attorneys, judges, and law students. Funding deposited to the Fund will be generated by an annual fee of up to \$30 charged to Virginia State Bar members, subject to the adoption of rules by the Supreme Court of Virginia assessing such fee.
- **Indigent Defense Commission**
  - ***New Paralegal Positions.*** Adds \$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 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 represent the first paralegal positions ever funded for public defenders offices in Virginia.
- **Virginia State Bar**
  - ***Provide Funding for Legal Services Staffing.*** Provides \$1.3 million GF the second year for additional staff to support legal aid programs. The funding provided is sufficient to hire 17 attorneys to support legal aid programs providing civil indigent defense services for low-income clients. The Virginia State Bar currently contracts with the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia to provide civil indigent defense to low-income Virginians.