

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2014-15 General Appropriations Bill

Article IV, Judiciary

ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY
ISSUE DOCKET
 Conference Committee on General Appropriations Bill

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS</u>						
	IV-1		IV-1			
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	77.0	77.0	76.0	76.0		
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 5,650,955	\$ 5,650,955	\$ 5,518,705	\$ 5,518,705	\$ 264,500	Senate provides \$409,000 out of General Revenue Fund for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a legal assistant for Court's rule making function (\$120,000 and 1 FTE); and b. targeted pay increases for legal and non-legal staff (\$289,000) House provides \$144,500 out of General Revenue Fund for targeted pay increases for legal and non-legal staff.
	See also Article XI-4		See also Article XI-9			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS</u>						
		IV-3		IV-3		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	71.0	71.0	70.0	70.0		See Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations.
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 5,339,817	\$ 5,341,368	\$ 5,271,871	\$ 5,273,420	\$ 135,894	Senate provides \$668,901 in General Revenue for targeted pay increases for attorneys and other court staff (\$482,439) and restores a staff attorney position (\$186,462). House provides \$533,007 in General Revenue for targeted pay increases for attorneys and other court staff.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
B.1.1 JUDICIAL EDUCATION	\$ 9,213,684	\$ 8,546,184	\$ 9,213,684	\$ 9,213,684	\$ -	Technical correction: reduce appropriations for Judicial Education program by \$50,000. Senate and House includes a \$50,000 funding increase in the administrative allocation for unexpended balance (UB) authority between fiscal years within the 2014-15 biennium. UB within a biennium is limited to authority only with funding provided by unexpended first year appropriations. No funding is required.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Judicial Education	IV-4, Rider #2 (b) Rider Packet, page IV-1		IV-4, Rider #2 (b) Rider Packet, page IV-1			Senate rider estimate of administrative allocation is the sum of 3 percent of the Judicial Education appropriation and an additional \$200,000 per fiscal year. Rider language indicating that administrative allocation equals 3 percent of judicial education appropriation is inaccurate. House rider includes an estimate of the administrative allocation that equals 3 percent of the Judicial Education appropriation and an additional \$200,000 per fiscal year. Statute (Government Code §56.003(a)) allows the legislature to appropriate more than 3 percent of judicial education appropriations for administrative purposes.
Appropriation: Unexpended Balance Authority Between Biennia and Within the Biennium for Judicial Education, Administrative Allocation	IV-4, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page IV-2		IV-4, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page IV-2			House rider specifies that unexpended balances from fiscal year 2013 into the 2014-15 biennium and between fiscal years within the 2014-15 biennium are limited to funds allocated for administrative purposes.
	See also Article XI-4		See also Article XI-9			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>14 COURTS OF APPEALS</u>						
Cross-Agency Issue - Similarly funding for same-sized courts block grant	\$ 39,784,614	\$ 39,784,601	\$ 35,505,897	\$ 35,505,878	\$ 8,557,440	Senate provides General Revenue of \$12,836,159 to fully fund 14 Courts of Appeals block grant request for similar-funding for same-sized courts. House provides General Revenue of \$4,278,719 or one-third of block grant request.
Total FTEs	435.3		431.3		4.0	
First Court of Appeals, Houston A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	\$ 4,478,220	\$ 4,478,218	\$ 3,984,727	\$ 3,984,725	\$ 986,986	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$1,480,479 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$493,493 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-7 \$ 3,472,100	\$ 3,472,099	IV-7 \$ 3,049,248	\$ 3,049,247	\$ 845,704	Cross-Agency Issue --Senate provides \$1,268,556 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$422,852 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Third Court of Appeals, Austin A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-9 \$ 2,912,561	\$ 2,912,561	IV-9 \$ 2,626,178	\$ 2,626,177	\$ 572,767	Cross-Agency Issue --Senate provides \$859,150 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$286,383 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-10 \$ 3,461,101	\$ 3,461,099	IV-10 \$ 3,066,154	\$ 3,066,151	\$ 789,895	Cross-Agency Issue --Senate provides \$1,184,842 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$394,947 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 3.0).
Fifth Court of Appeals, Dallas A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-11 \$ 6,124,250	\$ 6,124,249	IV-11 \$ 5,448,676	\$ 5,448,675	\$ 1,351,148	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$2,026,722 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$675,574 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Sixth Court of Appeals, Texarkana A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-12 \$ 1,588,621	\$ 1,588,619	IV-12 \$ 1,425,846	\$ 1,425,844	\$ 325,550	Cross-Agency Issue --Senate provides \$488,325 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$162,775 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-13 \$ 1,980,580	\$ 1,980,580	IV-13 \$ 1,768,348	\$ 1,768,347	\$ 424,465	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$636,698 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$212,233 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Eighth Court of Appeals, El Paso A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-14 \$ 1,617,620	\$ 1,617,620	IV-14 \$ 1,455,182	\$ 1,455,182	\$ 324,876	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$487,314 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$162,438 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Ninth Court of Appeals, Beaumont A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-15 \$ 1,980,580	\$ 1,980,579	IV-15 \$ 1,765,212	\$ 1,765,211	\$ 430,736	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$646,104 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$215,368 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Tenth Court of Appeals, Waco A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-17 \$ 1,592,620	\$ 1,592,620	IV-17 \$ 1,418,193	\$ 1,418,192	\$ 348,855	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$523,282 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$174,427 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Eleventh Court of Appeals, Eastland A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-18 \$ 1,592,621	\$ 1,592,619	IV-18 \$ 1,427,160	\$ 1,427,158	\$ 330,922	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$496,383 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$165,461 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 1.0)
Twelfth Court of Appeals, Tyler A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-19 \$ 1,588,120	\$ 1,588,119	IV-19 \$ 1,440,736	\$ 1,440,735	\$ 294,768	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$442,152 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$147,384 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Thirteenth Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi-Edinburg A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-20 \$ 2,914,562	\$ 2,914,561	IV-20 \$ 2,633,150	\$ 2,633,148	\$ 562,825	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$844,238 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$281,413 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations	IV-21 \$ 4,481,058	\$ 4,481,058	IV-21 \$ 3,997,087	\$ 3,997,086	\$ 967,943	Cross-Agency Issue -- Senate provides \$1,451,914 in General Revenue to fully fund block grant request. House provides General Revenue of \$483,971 or one-third of block grant request. (FTE difference = 0.0)
	See also Article XI-4					

Courts of Appeals
 Similar Funding for Same-Size Courts Block Grant
 Allocation of Block Grant Funds to Categories - Senate
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Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts - Allocation to Categories - Senate

COA	Justices	Reclassify Law Clerks - Targeted Pay Increases	Attorney Staff	Non-Attorney Staff	Attorney Salaries - Targeted Pay Increases	Non-Attorney Salaries - Targeted Pay Increases	Other Operating Costs	Total	Restored FTEs	New FTEs	Total FTEs
1	9	\$ 78,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 429,872	\$ 261,726	\$ 80,881	\$ 1,480,479	5.0	1.0	6.0
2	7	\$ 76,760	\$ 177,200	\$ 84,460	\$ 346,278	\$ 245,984	\$ 337,874	\$ 1,268,556	2.0		2.0
3	6	\$ -	\$ 177,200	\$ -	\$ 546,000	\$ 92,788	\$ 43,162	\$ 859,150	1.0		1.0
4	7	\$ 304,800	\$ -	\$ 346,080	\$ 83,696	\$ 124,002	\$ 326,264	\$ 1,184,842		4.0	4.0
5	13	\$ -	\$ 445,000	\$ 94,276	\$ 973,895	\$ 340,691	\$ 172,860	\$ 2,026,722	5.1		5.1
6	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201,000	\$ 137,325	\$ 150,000	\$ 488,325			
7	4	\$ -	\$ 195,000	\$ 69,800	\$ 257,600	\$ 36,758	\$ 77,540	\$ 636,698	1.0	1.0	2.0
8	3	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 66,565	\$ 182,000	\$ 42,435	\$ 36,314	\$ 487,314	1.0	1.0*	2.0
9	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 322,600	\$ 124,824	\$ 118,680	\$ 646,104	1.0		1.0
10	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 403,282	\$ 523,282		1.0	1.0
11	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 136,383	\$ 496,383	1.0	1.0	2.0
12	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,980	\$ 160,700	\$ 49,042	\$ 61,430	\$ 442,152	1.0	1.0	2.0
13	6	\$ -	\$ 177,200	\$ 168,920	\$ 392,532	\$ 61,594	\$ 43,992	\$ 844,238	1.5	1.5	3.0
14	9	\$ 226,600	\$ 354,400	\$ 66,607	\$ 278,508	\$ 125,799	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,451,914	3.0	*	3.0
		\$ 686,160	\$ 1,866,000	\$ 1,707,688	\$ 4,354,681	\$ 1,832,968	\$ 2,388,662	\$ 12,836,159	22.6	10.5	34.1

* FTE numbers have been updated from LAR submission

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Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts - Allocation to Categories - House

COA	Justices	Reclassify Law Clerks - Targeted Pay Increases	Attorney Staff	Non-Attorney Staff	Attorney Salaries - Targeted Pay Increases	Non-Attorney Salaries - Targeted Pay Increases	Other Operating Costs	Total	Restored FTEs	New FTEs	Total FTEs
1	9	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 111,023	\$ 67,470	\$ -	\$ 493,493	5.0	1.0	6.0
2	7	\$ -	\$ 88,600	\$ 42,230	\$ 170,833	\$ 121,189	\$ -	\$ 422,852	2.0		2.0
3	6	\$ -	\$ 88,600	\$ -	\$ 169,104	\$ 28,679	\$ -	\$ 286,383	1.0		1.0
4	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187,249	\$ 83,696	\$ 124,002	\$ -	\$ 394,947		1.0	1.0
5	13	\$ -	\$ 222,500	\$ 47,138	\$ 300,799	\$ 105,137	\$ -	\$ 675,574	5.1		5.1
6	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,688	\$ 66,087	\$ -	\$ 162,775			
7	4	\$ -	\$ 97,500	\$ 34,900	\$ 69,854	\$ 9,979	\$ -	\$ 212,233	1.0	1.0	2.0
8	3	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 33,283	\$ 39,865	\$ 9,290	\$ -	\$ 162,438	1.0	1.0	2.0
9	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 126,440	\$ 48,928	\$ -	\$ 215,368	1.0		1.0
10	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 54,427	\$ 174,427		1.0	1.0
11	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 67,983	\$ 72,478	\$ -	\$ 165,461		1.0	1.0
12	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,490	\$ 47,411	\$ 14,483	\$ -	\$ 147,384	1.0	1.0	2.0
13	6	\$ -	\$ 88,600	\$ 84,460	\$ 93,617	\$ 14,736	\$ -	\$ 281,413	1.5	1.5	3.0
14	9	\$ -	\$ 177,200	\$ 33,304	\$ 188,419	\$ 85,048	\$ -	\$ 483,971	3.0		3.0
		\$ -	\$ 933,000	\$ 898,054	\$ 1,595,732	\$ 797,506	\$ 54,427	\$ 4,278,719	21.6	8.5	30.1

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL</u>						
		IV-22		IV-22		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	223.6	223.6	207.6	207.6	16.0	
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) in Riders	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	House provides 3 FTEs contingent on enactment of House Bill 990 or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a Sentencing Commission.
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 882,424	\$ 263,090	\$ 1,145,514	House provides funding out of General Revenue contingent on enactment of House Bill 990 or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a Sentencing Commission to review statewide sentencing laws and trends.
A.1.1 COURT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,246,478	\$ 3,162,480	\$ 2,926,448	\$ 2,914,850	\$ 567,660	Senate provides funding out of General Revenue for the following: a. \$527,660 for judicial information and court services, including 4 FTEs; and

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
A.1.2 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 5,081,893	\$ 3,193,963	\$ 4,856,475	\$ 2,974,045	\$ 445,336	<p>b. \$40,000 for a study of the financial impact on local governments of statewide sting operations conducted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).</p> <p>Senate provides funding out of General Revenue for the following:</p> <p>a. \$322,336 including 2 FTE programmers to support multiple software systems; and</p> <p>b. \$123,000 for the 5th Court of Appeals (Dallas) to offset the cost of an on-site network technician.</p>
B.1.1 CHILD SUPPORT COURTS PROGRAM	\$ 6,800,139	\$ 6,761,418	\$ 6,515,930	\$ 6,534,627	\$ 511,000	<p>Senate provides:</p> <p>a. \$307,556 in All Funds (\$104,569 from General Revenue and \$202,987 from Interagency Contracts), including 2 FTEs to establish an additional child support court in El Paso;</p> <p>b. \$149,694 in All Funds (\$50,896 from General Revenue and \$98,798 from Interagency Contracts) to provide court coordinators in 43 child support courts pay raises; and</p>

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B.1.2 CHILD PROTECTION COURTS PROGRAM	\$ 3,203,712	\$ 3,212,363	\$ 2,544,013	\$ 2,569,170	\$ 1,302,892	<p>c. \$53,750 in All Funds (\$18,275 in General Revenue and \$35,475 in Interagency Contracts) to provide professional development for child support court coordinators.</p> <p>Senate provides from General Revenue:</p> <p>a. \$951,464 including 6 FTEs to establish three additional child protection courts serving rural counties statewide;</p> <p>b. \$296,480 including 2 FTEs to establish a child protection court in Harris County; and</p> <p>c. \$54,948 to provide court coordinators in 17 child protections courts pay raises.</p>
C.1.1 COURT REPORTERS CERT BOARD	\$ 239,242	\$ 222,837	\$ 165,703	\$ 165,703	\$ 130,673	Senate provides \$130,673 from General Revenue, including 1 FTE to realign three regulatory boards, including the Court Reporters Certification Board into a single division.
C.1.3 GUARDIANS AND PROCESS SERVERS	\$ 306,104	\$ 274,369	\$ 373,457	\$ 361,347	\$ 154,331	Senate provides \$282,125 from General Revenue, including 2 FTEs to realign three regulatory boards –the Process Server Board and the Guardianship Certification Board –into a single certification division.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Texas Indigent Defense Commission	IV-25, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page IV-3		IV-25, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page IV-3			House provides \$436,456 from General Revenue and estimated appropriation authority for receipts from process server collections, including 3 FTEs to realign three regulatory boards –the Process Server Board and the Guardianship Certification Board –into a single certification division. Senate rider includes language related to grant authority and administrative support of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission by the Office of Court Administration.
Innocence Projects	IV-26, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page IV-3		IV-26, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page IV-3			Senate allocates \$600,000 per fiscal year for grants of \$150,000 to four law schools. Of this amount \$50,000 per fiscal year is designated for a half-time case coordinator at each school for innocence projects. House allocates \$400,000 per fiscal year for grants of \$100,000 to four law schools.
Guardianship Examination Fees	IV-27, Rider #14		IV-27, Rider #14			Technical Correction: Amend rider to clarify that amounts are included in amounts appropriated, and not in addition to amounts appropriated. (See page 18 of Issue Docket.)

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Study of Department of Public Safety Sting Operations	IV-27, Rider #15 Rider Packet, page IV-4					Senate allocates funds for a study of the financial impact on local governments of DPS statewide sting operations.
Appropriation of Process Server Fees			IV-26, Rider #15 Rider Packet, page IV-4			House provides estimated appropriation authority for receipts from process server collections.
Contingency for HB 990 or SB___: Sentencing Commission			IV-27, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page IV-5			House provides a contingency appropriation for House Bill 990 or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a Sentencing Commission to review statewide sentencing laws and trends.
	See also Article XI-4		See also Article XI-9			

Office of Court Administration
Proposed Rider Amendment
Guardianship Examination Fees

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/16/2013

Overview

Amend rider for examination fees charged by Guardianship Certification Board to clarify that amounts are included in amounts appropriated above and not in addition to amounts appropriated. The action would result in the Comptroller eliminating a \$15,000 charge to the bill.

Required Action

On page IV-27 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for SB 1 amend the following rider:

14. Guardianship Examination Fees. Any exam fees established by the Guardianship Certification Board, pursuant to Government Code, Sec. 111.016(b)(3), (estimated to be \$7,500 in fiscal year 2014 and \$7,500 in fiscal year 2015) are included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Guardians and Process Servers, ~~are hereby appropriated to the Office of Court Administration~~ for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with developing and administering the guardianship certification exam.

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<u>OFFICE OF CAPITAL WRITS</u>		IV-27			IV-27			
No Issues.		.			.			
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<u>OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</u>						
No Issues.						

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>STATE LAW LIBRARY</u>						
		IV-29		IV-29		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	12.0	12.0	10.5	10.5		
A.1.1 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	\$ 1,021,430	\$ 1,021,430	\$ 858,306	\$ 858,306	\$ 326,248	Senate provides \$326,248 in General Revenue for: a. an additional librarian and part-time library assistant (\$126,248); and b. books and research materials (\$200,000).

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT</u>						
		IV-31		IV-30		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	15.0	15.0	14.0	14.0		
A.1.1 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 1,082,467	\$ 1,082,467	\$ 947,156	\$ 947,156	\$ 270,622	Senate provides for \$270,622 in General Revenue for additional staff attorney (\$160,000) at \$80,000 per year and to increase staff attorney salaries to \$80,000 per year (\$110,622).
			See also Article XI-9			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT</u>						
		IV-32		IV-32		
D.1.5 SPECIAL PROSECUTION UNIT, WALKER CO	\$ 5,098,893	\$ 4,948,252	\$ 5,018,893	\$ 4,948,252	\$ 80,000	Senate provides \$80,000 from General Revenue to purchase five new vehicles to replace vehicles with mileage in excess of 140,000. House includes a rider in the bill pattern for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) that directs DPS to transfer five vehicles to the Special Prosecution Unit, at no cost to the bill. Under rider provisions, no transferred vehicle can have mileage in excess of 50,000. (House Rider #46, V-54 in DPS bill pattern.)
Special Prosecution Unit: Appropriation Source, Unexpended Balances and		VI-35, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page VI-6		VI-35, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page VI-6		Senate and House riders reflect different funding levels.

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<p><u>ARTICLE IV, SPECIAL PROVISIONS</u></p> <p>Cross-Agency Issue - Similar funding for same-sized courts block grant</p>		IV-38		IV-38		<p>Senate fully funds 14 Courts of Appeals block grant request for similar-funding for same-sized courts, which includes \$4.4 million in funds for targeted pay raises for attorneys. House funds one-third of block grant request, which includes \$1.6 million in funds for targeted pay raises for attorneys. Accordingly, the difference between the House and Senate in salary limits for attorneys is driven by block grant funding levels.</p>

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Appellate Court Salary Limits	IV-39, Sec. 7 Rider Packet, page IV-9		IV-39, Sec. 7 Rider Packet, page IV-9			Senate provides salary limits for chief staff attorneys (\$97,500) and staff attorneys (\$88,600) hired or promoted after September 1, 2013. House provides salary limits for chief staff attorneys (\$94,100) and staff attorneys (\$82,700) hired or promoted after September 1, 2013.