

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article IV**

Adopted

March 16, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

Office of Court Administration
Proposed Funding and Rider
Costs for Court Text Reminder Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/06/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations by \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration with a new rider for the purpose of providing and maintaining funding for the court text reminder program established by House Bill 4293, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-23 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, by \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Costs for Court Text Reminder Program.** Amounts appropriated above to the Office of Court Administration from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, include \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 for developing and maintaining the court text reminder program established by House Bill 4293, Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Office of Court Administration

Proposed Funding and Rider

Guardianship Associate Judges

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/14/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations by \$351,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$343,640 in fiscal year 2025 in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration with a new rider for the purpose of establishing a pilot program for a state-funded specialty guardianship courts throughout the state authorized by House Bill 79, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-24 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, by \$351,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$343,640 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Guardianship Associate Judges.** Amounts appropriated above to the Office of Court Administration from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, include \$351,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$343,640 in fiscal year 2025 for establishing a pilot program for a state-funded specialty guardianship court as authorized by House Bill 79, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

The Office of Court Administration shall report the results of using state funds for this purpose to the Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee by September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

**Office of Court Administration
Proposed Funding and Rider
District Court Workload Analysis**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/15/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations by \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration with a new rider for the purpose of conducting a district court workload analysis for the 30 most populous counties and reporting to the legislature information relating to judicial officers and court filings and clearances.

Required Action

1. On page IV-23 of the Office of Court Administrative bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, by \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **District Court Workload Analysis.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to Strategy A.1.1., Court Administration, is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the Office of Court Administration to conduct a study of the staff judicial workload of the district and statutory county courts in this state. Such a study may be contracted through a third-party, and must utilize a weighted caseload considering the nature and complexity of the cases heard. No later than January 1, 2025, the Office of Court Administration shall provide the report to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and the chairs of the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives with jurisdiction over the Judicial System. At a minimum, the report must include information relating to the following:

- a) the number of estimated full-time equivalent judicial officers working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;
- b) the number of full-time equivalent judicial officers needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;
- c) the number of new case filings in each of the preceding five fiscal years;
- d) the clearance rate of cases in each of the preceding five fiscal years;
- e) the calendar year in which the last district court was created by statute;
- f) the number of estimated full-time equivalent judicial officers working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;
- g) the number of full-time equivalent judicial officers needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;
- h) the number of full-time equivalent court personnel working in the county in the preceding fiscal year; and
- i) the estimated number of full-time equivalent court personnel needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study.

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Article XI

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Legislative Budget Board

By: Jones of Harris

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Proposed Funding and Rider
Information Technology

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of expanding access to and notification of protective order registry information for courts, prosecuting attorneys, and peace officers.

Required Action

1. On page IV-24 of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page IV-26 of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Information Services and Technology Equipment. It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above to Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following project in the following amount. Any unobligated and unexpended balances for these grants remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(a) \$2,000,000 for expanding access to and notification of protective order registry information for courts, prosecuting attorneys, and peace officers.

By: Murr

Office of Court Administration
Proposed Funding and Rider
Guardianship Associate Judges
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations by \$3,898,866 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,809,241 in fiscal year 2025 in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration with a new rider for the purpose of providing state funds for the establishment of specialty guardianship courts throughout the state authorized by House Bill 79, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-24 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, by \$3,898,866 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,809,241 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Guardianship Associate Judges.** Amounts appropriated above to the Office of Court Administration from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, include \$3,898,866 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,809,241 in fiscal year 2025 for establishing 11 specialty guardianship courts throughout the state authorized by House Bill 79, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.