

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (0023)
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES:

Mission

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is the administrative office for the non-judicial business of the state courts. The office provides services to the court system, state and local government and the public.

Total Appropriation

The total appropriation for fiscal year 2011 is \$19.4 million.

Funding Source

The Administrative Office of the Courts receives funding from State Central Services, Federal Funding, Special Revenues, Administration of Justice Funding, and some cash funds.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY2010

None

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY 2011: 116

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IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Fund Transfer. Federal funds transferred to State Central Services, received from the State Police from the federal "State and Community Highway Safety Program" are to be used to reimburse the Municipal Judges Continuing Education Appropriation.

Contracting with Public Defenders. The AOC may contract with State Employees to provide Dependency Neglect Services and it will not count against those employees rate of pay.

Dependency Neglect Representation Appropriation Transfer Authority. Allows the AOC to transfer funds and appropriations in regular salaries, matching for salaries, professional fees, Operating Expenses and the Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements line items as needed.

Transfer Authority. Provides language that the appropriation for Dependency - Neglect may be funded by funds transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund.

Funding. Federal funds received from the State Police from the federal "Safety Incentives to Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be used for operating expenses of the District Court State Automation System.

Monthly Installments. Provides that a lump sum monthly installment of the annual appropriation for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation shall be provided from the Administration of Justice Fund.

Carry Forward. All unexpended funds for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation may be carry forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year.

Ad Litem Attorney New Hire Requirement. Any new hire for the this position for the Division of Dependency Neglect-Representation must have prior approval of the personnel subcommittee.

Indigent Parent Counsel Representation. Allows the AOC to enter into professional service contracts with attorneys to provide counsel for indigent parents in cases involving termination of parental rights.