

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (0023)  
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

**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 Biennial Budget**

The total budget for the 2011-2013 biennium is \$21,875,448 for FY2012 and \$22,044,719 for FY2013.

**Funding Source**

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

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:**

Dependency-Neglect Representation Appropriation

- 3 new positions
- \$8.2 million each year which is \$233,576 over base level
- Increases in salary, match, grants & aid, reimbursements and ad litem fees.

Judicial Fine Collection Appropriation

- 4 new positions
- \$6 million each year which is \$2.3 million over base level
- Increases in salary, match, operating expenses, conference & travel, professional fees and capital outlay

Court Management Appropriation

- New cash appropriation requested at \$15,000 each year

Court Improvement Program Appropriation

- \$1.1 million each year which is \$250,000 over base level
- Increases in Professional Fees, Grant & Aid and Capital Outlay

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions for FY 2011-13 Biennium: 123

Total Positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 116

**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 which will not count against those employees rate of pay.

Dependency Neglect Representation Appropriation Transfer Authority. Allows the AOC to transfer funds and appropriations between 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.

Legal Research Specialist 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.

Fund Created. Creates County Juror Reimbursement Fund consisting of funds transferred from the Administration of Justice Fund for reimbursing counties portion of per diem compensation for jurors.

\*New Language\*