

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (0023)
FISCAL YEARS 2014 & 2015**

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 governments and the public.

Total Budget

The total budget is \$24,039,086 for FY2014 and \$24,091,160 for FY2015.

Funding Source

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

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

Operations-State Central Services

- Recommended at \$3.9 million each year with restoration of Capital Outlay to FY2013 authorized level of \$164,500.
- Increase of \$50,000 above base level for FY2014 and \$100,000 for FY2015 for Court Interpreter Fees.

Judicial Fine Collection Appropriation-Special Revenue

- Recommended at \$6 million each year with restoration of FY2013 Capital Outlay of \$1,000,000.
- Increase in Salary and Match of \$329,873 each year to raise current employees salaries for retention and recruitment, this is being offset by a reduction in professional fees line item of \$350,000.

Agency has five (5) federal appropriations that were established during the interim and are being requested to continue for FY2014 and FY2015.

III) POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015:124

Total Positions FY2014:124

Total Budgeted Positions FY2013:125

(-1) AOC Assistant Casa Coordinator C118

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.

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.

District Judges Association Reimbursement. Allows a portion of Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court Education Fund to be used to reimburse District Judges Association.

Transfer Provision. Allows transfer of appropriation between line items in the Judicial Fine Appropriation. *New Language*