Trial Court Allocations: Criminal Justice Realignment, Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel, and Workers' Compensation Liabilities

Judicial Council Meeting

February 20, 2014

Role of the Judicial Council

- The Judicial Council has the statutory authority to allocate funding appropriated in the annual budget act from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) and the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF).
- The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) has provided recommendations for allocations from the IMF and the TCTF.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee took action on its recommendations to the council at its January 16, 2014 meeting.
  - Recommendation #3 was a recommendation of the Realignment Subcommittee.
  - Recommendation #4 was a recommendation of the Revenue/Expenditure Subcommittee.
- All of the recommendations presented today were approved unanimously or with one “no” vote.

Recommendations 1 and 2

- For the purpose of reimbursing courts for costs incurred to reduce court-appointed attorney caseloads in dependency proceedings beyond their share of the current $103.7 million base allocation, allocate to courts a one-time share of the $2.31 million in the Trial Court Trust Fund, using the methodology adopted by the council on August 23, 2013, and distribute the funding on a reimbursement basis
- Allow any of the $2.3 million allocation that is not distributed to a court in 2013–2014 to carry forward to subsequent fiscal years

Recommendation 3

- Allocate $4.61 million in one-time funding from the Trial Court Trust Fund for court costs related to criminal justice realignment using a method that incorporates equally both population and workload metrics, as described in this report; and

Recommendation 4

- Allocate $719,749 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund to pay the County of Sacramento for a workers' compensation tail claim liabilities settlement.

End of Presentation

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