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House Appropriations
General Government Sub-Committee
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Requested Briefing on Select Budget Items

Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary
Supreme Court of Virginia

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2007-08 Criminal Fund Payments

	Amount	Percent
Court-Appointed Counsel	\$ 77,630,513	75.7%
Court Reporters	7,707,063	7.5%
Interpreters	4,480,622	4.4%
Extraditions	2,803,940	2.7%
Medical Fees - Gathering Evidence	2,418,455	2.4%
Jurors	2,331,833	2.3%
Forensic Evaluations	1,832,885	1.8%
Witnesses	1,381,129	1.3%
Mediation	1,024,800	1.0%
Other Expenses	1,002,172	1.0%
<i>Total Payments</i>	\$ 102,613,412	100%

Criminal Fund Expenditures

Actual Expenditures:

	Criminal Fund	Waivers	Total
2004-05	\$ 77,139,581	-	77,139,581
2005-06	81,231,217	-	81,231,217
2006-07	93,730,490	-	93,730,490
2007-08	100,768,241	1,845,171	102,613,412

Appropriation (Governor's Budget Bill):

2008-09	102,769,076	4,200,000	106,969,076
2009-10	102,689,076	6,200,000	108,889,076

Court-appointed Attorney Waivers

2007-08 Expenditures:

Waivers Requested – 6,126 waivers

Waivers Approved – 5,952 waivers

Total Payments - \$1,845,171

Waiver Payment Amounts

	2007-08 Fiscal Year	
	Monthly	Year to
	Amounts	Date
July	\$ 105	\$ 105
August	15,062	15,167
September	19,296	34,463
October	57,350	91,813
November	64,988	156,801
December	97,772	254,573
January	133,147	387,720
February	255,268	642,988
March	236,295	879,283
April	293,436	1,172,719
May	350,850	1,523,569
June	321,602	1,845,171

Waiver Payment Amounts

	2008-09 Fiscal Year	
	Monthly	Year to
	Amounts	Date
July	\$ 226,064	\$ 226,064
August	413,043	639,107
September	298,911	938,018
October	356,212	1,294,230
November	261,090	1,555,320
December	263,984	1,819,304
January	-	-
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	-	-
May	-	-
June	-	-
<i>Current Appropriation</i>		\$ 4,200,000

Mileage Reimbursement

Clarification for when a judge will be reimbursed for mileage when traveling to another courthouse in their judicial circuit/district.

Proposed Appropriations Act Language:

A circuit/district court judge may only be reimbursed for mileage for commuting if the judge has to travel to a courthouse in a county or city other than the one in which the judge resides and the distance between the judge's residence and the courthouse is greater than 25 miles.

Judicial Department Proposed Budget Reduction Plan

		2008-09	2009-10
1.	Hiring Delay for Vacant Positions (90 Days)	\$ 850,900	\$ 1,500,000
2.	Elimination of Positions (Layoffs - 3 FTE)	146,400	292,800
3.	Education/Training		
	Cancel or Reduce Days - Judges' Conferences	148,000	338,000
	Cancel Court Employees' Training	120,000	-
4.	Eliminate annual/sick leave balance payments to district judges when they retire/resign.	147,250	294,500
5.	Reduction in out-of-state travel, contractors, postage and publications	130,000	130,000
	Projected Savings	\$ 1,542,550	\$ 2,555,300
6.	JIRC (Agency 112)	6,300	6,300
7.	VA Criminal Sentencing Commission (Agency 160)	11,000	11,000
8.	Indigent Defense Commission (Agency 848)	450,000	450,000
	Total Projected Savings - Judicial Budget	\$ 2,009,850	\$ 3,022,600

Judicial Department Proposed Budget Reduction Plan

- The Judicial Department will make further cuts in its operational budget to return an additional \$3,000,000 over the biennium.
- This will bring the total Judicial Department operational budget cuts to \$8,032,450 over the biennium.