

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$420,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Supreme Court.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 101 Agency Name: Supreme Court
 Unit: 0101, 0105 Administration

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$388,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$420,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$420,000		

Description of appropriation:

As of July 1, 2024, this legislation increases the employee contribution to the Judicial Pension Plan by 2.25 percent and increases the required employee out-of-pocket contribution by 0.35 percent. Hence, employers may pay 1.9 percent of the increase and employees must pay 0.35 percent of the increase. The 1.9 percent increase which may be paid by employers is estimated at \$194,000 per year, rounded.

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000

Source of revenue increase:

The entire 2.25 percent increase is estimated at \$230,000 per year, rounded. The 1.9 percent increase which may be paid by employers is estimated at \$194,000 per year, rounded. The increase of the 0.35 percent required employee out-of-pocket contribution is estimated at \$36,000 per year, rounded.

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase	\$0	\$0	\$194,000
GENERAL FUND			

Source of expenditure increase:

The Judicial Branch will have an estimated increase in expenditures of \$194,000 each year for the employer portion of the increase in retirement contributions. The expenditure increase for FY 2025 and FY 2026 will come from the appropriation in the bill.

Assumptions:

The employer pays 1.9 percent of the 2.25 percent increase.

The standard budget for the 2025-2026 biennium for salaries for justices and judges is approximately \$10.1 million per year.

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