

Section 5: Appeals, Court of Court of Appeals

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Court of Appeals is the intermediate appellate court in Georgia and is the court of first review for many civil and criminal cases decided in the trial courts. The purpose of such a review is to correct legal errors or errors of law made at the trial level, not to alter jury verdicts or the outcome of bench trials. The Court of Appeals has twelve judges who are assigned to one of four panels made up of three judges each.

Target Population: The Court of Appeals has statewide appellate jurisdiction of all appeals from the major levels of the trial courts except those involving constitutional questions, land title disputes, the construction of wills, murder, election contests, habeas corpus, extraordinary remedies, divorce and alimony and cases where original appellate jurisdiction lies with the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Location: The Court of Appeals is located in Atlanta, GA.

Delivery Mechanism: Once a case is assigned to a panel, the judges review the trial transcript, relevant portions of the record, and briefs submitted by the attorneys for the parties. Panels also hear oral arguments in a small number of cases. Panel decisions are final unless one judge dissents. Then the case is reviewed by a panel of seven judges. Under certain circumstances, a case may be reviewed by the full court.

Timing: The Court is open to the public for business all state business days and the Court issues orders and opinions daily. The Court of Appeals has three terms each year: January, April, and September. Each term lasts approximately three and a half months. Decision must be completed within two terms.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

14.1 Increase funds for personnel to restore full-year funding for one vacant Deputy Court Administrator position.
(H:Increase funds for a Deputy Court Administrator position)

State General Funds	\$190,883	\$190,883
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14.2 Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds	\$322,393	\$322,393
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14.3 Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective January 1, 2018.

State General Funds	\$161,439	\$161,439
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14.4 Increase funds to address increased costs of docket software maintenance.

State General Funds	\$27,500	\$27,500
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14.5 Increase funds for operations for two new central staff attorney positions and one deputy court administrator position.

State General Funds	\$4,914	\$4,914
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14.6 Increase funds for one-time funding to scan and digitize fiscal records.

State General Funds	\$55,000	\$55,000
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14.7 Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase furniture and equipment for new central staff positions.

State General Funds	\$31,230	\$31,230
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14.8 Eliminate funds for one-time funding for software costs associated with e-filing applications and access to trial court records from tablet devices.

State General Funds	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)
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14.9 Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the purchase of seven servers.

State General Funds	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)
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14.10 Eliminate funds for one-time funding for an audiovisual upgrade of the system that supports courtroom video streaming.

State General Funds	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)
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14.11 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds		\$280,635
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14.12 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.

State General Funds		\$14,571
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14.13	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$753
14.14	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$10,694
14.15	<i>Increase funds for WAN billing from GTA.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$18,160
14.16	<i>Increase funds for step increase to L4.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$117,470

14.100 Court of Appeals	Appropriation (HB 44)
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195
State General Funds	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,001,912	\$21,444,195

Section 6: Judicial Council

Council of Accountability Court Judges

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Council of Accountability Court Judges program is responsible for developing and monitoring accountability court standards and performance measures, identifying risk and needs assessment tools, and creating a certification and peer review process to document compliance with standards. The Judicial Council Accountability Courts Committee advises the Judicial Council on the abovementioned responsibilities for the state drug courts, mental health courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, and family dependency treatment courts. This appropriation covers the Accountability Courts Committee support staff within the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Target Population: Offenders who have a significant substance abuse or mental health issues are placed into these approximately two-year programs run by judges in order to provide an alternative sentencing option.

Noteworthy: As of FY2013, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is the fiscal agent for the administering of funds to Accountability Courts.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070
State General Funds	\$611,070	\$611,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070

15.1	<i>Increase funds to support the certification and peer review process of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) Court Divisions as required effective July 1, 2016.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$28,335	\$28,335
15.2	<i>Increase funds for personnel for a salary adjustment for the Chief Certification Officer.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$16,626	\$16,626
15.3	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$3,404
15.4	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$112
15.5	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$31)

15.100 Council of Accountability Court Judges	Appropriation (HB 44)
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$656,031	\$659,516
State General Funds	\$656,031	\$659,516
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$656,031	\$659,516

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) supports the Commission on Dispute Resolution, which oversees the development of the court-connected ADR programs. ODR includes the Neutral Ethics Regulation, Neutral Registration, Neutral Training and Trainer Qualifications, ADR Education, Research and Statistical Data Collection, and Local ADR Program Assistance through training, technical assistance, and grants.

Target Population: All parties involved in the ADR process, including lawyers, neutrals, and the general public seeking information.

Timing: All neutrals working in court ADR programs are required to register with ODR every year.

Noteworthy: The Office of Dispute Resolution became self-sufficient in FY2012 and no longer receives state funding.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services	\$314,203	\$314,203
Training Fees	\$314,203	\$314,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203

16.100 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Appropriation (HB 44)

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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services	\$314,203	\$314,203
Training Fees	\$314,203	\$314,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE) is responsible for the basic orientation and ongoing education of the judges and court personnel of the State Court System. Services provided include the courses of Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education (MCJE) accreditation for judges and clerks in every class-of-court, pre-approval of courses and individual certification of required Court Reporter Continuing Education, voluntary training and instructional activities for court support personnel and lay citizen agents serving the State Courts. Lastly, this program includes the staffing and operational support for the ICJE Board of Trustees together with statutorily designated class-of-court Training Councils, as well as respective educational planning committees.

Target Population: The current and recently appointed judges, clerks of court, court support personnel, law clerks, court administrators, and court volunteers within the courts in Georgia.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,657	\$515,657
State General Funds	\$515,657	\$515,657
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203
Training Fees	\$703,203	\$703,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,218,860	\$1,218,860

17.1 Increase funds to improve and expand new judge orientation training.

State General Funds \$64,000 \$40,000

17.2 Increase funds for personnel for one full-time skilled administrative position to advance the court system's wider use of remote-learning methods and electronic publications for Georgia judges and court support personnel.

State General Funds \$68,361 \$0

17.3 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds \$9,566

17.4 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.

State General Funds \$318

17.5 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds (\$89)

17.100 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$648,018	\$565,452
State General Funds	\$648,018	\$565,452
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203
Training Fees	\$703,203	\$703,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,351,221	\$1,268,655

Judicial Council

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The 25-member Judicial Council develops policies for improving and administering the Georgia Courts. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia serves as chair of the Council; membership, as established by Order of the Supreme Court, consists of judges from each level of court: appellate, superior, state, juvenile, probate, magistrate and municipal. The Council oversees the work of the Administrative Office of the Courts through established oversight committees: Standing Committee on Policy, Committee on Court Reporting Matters, Committee on Accountability Courts, Judicial Workload Assessment Committee, and Records Retention Committee. In addition to the subprograms listed in the Judicial Council purpose statement, the program also includes the Board of Court Reporting, the Supreme Court Committee on Civil Justice which piloted the Appalachian Family Law Information Center, the Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children, the Georgia Council of Court Administrators, the Georgia Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, the Supreme Court Committee on Access and Fairness in the Courts, the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, and the Law School Consortium.

Fund Sources: The Child Support Collaborative Project receives federal funds, renewable yearly, which are used to create an ongoing collaborative association between the judiciary and the child support services agency to address child support issues. The funding is a 66/34% match.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
State General Funds	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Child Support Enforcement Research CFDA93.564	\$37,329	\$37,329
Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D CFDA93.563	\$749,055	\$749,055
Crime Victim Assistance CFDA16.575	\$67,118	\$67,118
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$773,865	\$773,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services	\$888,905	\$888,905
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$888,705	\$888,705
Drug Courts Conference Fees	\$100	\$100
Probate Court Judges Fees	\$100	\$100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214

18.1	<i>Increase funds to document the institutional technical knowledge of the Court Process Reporting System (CPRS).</i>		
	State General Funds	\$104,024	\$104,024
18.2	<i>Reduce funds to reflect the annualized reduction of rent.</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)
18.3	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$97,220
18.4	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$3,264
18.5	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$49,749)
18.6	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$911)
18.7	<i>Increase funds to provide for Judicial Retirement System payments.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$317,083
18.8	<i>Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$12,983

18.100 Judicial Council	Appropriation (HB 44)
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098
State General Funds	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Child Support Enforcement Research CFDA93.564	\$37,329	\$37,329
Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D CFDA93.563	\$749,055	\$749,055
Crime Victim Assistance CFDA16.575	\$67,118	\$67,118
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$773,865	\$773,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services	\$888,905	\$888,905
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$888,705	\$888,705
Drug Courts Conference Fees	\$100	\$100
Probate Court Judges Fees	\$100	\$100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,865,480	\$15,245,370

Judicial Qualifications Commission

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) program provides education and counseling to judges on the interpretation and application of the Code of Judicial Conduct, renders formal and informal advisory opinions concerning the proper interpretation of the Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct, and accepts and investigates complaints of any judicial misconduct, incapacity, or impairment of a judicial officer.

Target Population: All judges in Georgia.

Location: The JQC office is located in Madison, GA.

Delivery Mechanism: The JQC is staffed by two full-time staff members. In the FY2013 General budget, a full-time investigative attorney was funded, but has not been hired yet.

Noteworthy: The number of complaints received by JQC has significantly increased in the past few years.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$534,149	\$534,149
State General Funds	\$534,149	\$534,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$534,149	\$534,149

19.1	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$6,566
19.2	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$225
19.3	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>	
	State General Funds	(\$63)
19.4	<i>Increase funds for one legal counsel position and operations.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$278,989

19.100 Judicial Qualifications Commission	Appropriation (HB 44)
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.</i>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$534,149 \$819,866
State General Funds	\$534,149 \$819,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$534,149 \$819,866

Resource Center

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Resource Center provides direct representation in capital habeas corpus proceedings. The Resource Center ensures that death-sentenced inmates are competently represented in state and federal post-conviction habeas corpus proceedings.

Delivery Mechanism: Habeas corpus appeals are civil proceedings in which the petitioner may challenge the constitutionality of his or her conviction and/or sentence in both state and federal court. The Resource Center provides direct representation to death-sentenced habeas petitioners and recruits and assists private attorneys who volunteer their time to represent the petitioners pro bono.

Noteworthy: The Resource Center is no longer receiving funds from the Georgia Bar Foundation due to the decrease in Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funds available to the Foundation.

	Continuation Budget
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$800,000 \$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000 \$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$800,000 \$800,000

20.100 Resource Center	Appropriation (HB 44)
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.</i>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$800,000 \$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000 \$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$800,000 \$800,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Council of Juvenile Court Judges

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Council of Juvenile Court Judges is the supporting staff for the Juvenile Court Judges and provides judicial education, technical assistance, and answers to legal questions for the judges.

Delivery Mechanism: The program is over 84 percent personnel who provide support services for the judges.

Fund Sources: The program includes the Grants to Counties for Alternative to Incarceration, which is a pass-through grant from the Governor's Office for Children and Families.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
State General Funds	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486
Grants from Sponsoring Entities	\$67,486	\$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300

21.1 Increase funds for personnel for one director and two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). (H:Increase funds for two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI))

State General Funds	\$281,024	\$158,406
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21.2 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds		\$29,132
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21.3 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.

State General Funds		\$995
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21.4 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.

State General Funds		(\$34)
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21.5 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds		\$221
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21.100 Council of Juvenile Court Judges Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534
State General Funds	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486
Grants from Sponsoring Entities	\$67,486	\$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,940,324	\$1,848,020

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: This program is for the payment of the salaries and retirement for the juvenile court judges that work in the juvenile courts across the state. The salaries are given in grant form to the counties in order to pay the judges.

Location: There is a juvenile court in each of the state's 159 counties. There are 147 judges (funding is for full and part time juvenile judges only.)

Fund Sources: The judges salaries are set in Georgia statute. (O.C.G.A. 15-11-18)

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
State General Funds	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730

22.1 Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges Grant to Counties to reflect a judicial salary increase.

State General Funds	\$3,512,124	\$795,579
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22.2 Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.

State General Funds		(\$205,055)
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22.100 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254
State General Funds	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Council of Superior Court Clerks

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Council of Superior Court Clerks acts as the liaison for all superior court clerks and the other members of the judicial branch, law enforcement and prosecution, as well as entities at the state and federal levels in order to facilitate efficient and effective compliance and execution of the duties required of the superior court clerks as they relate to these entities.

Target Population: 159 Superior Court Clerks in Georgia.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580

23.100 Council of Superior Court Clerks

Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580

District Attorneys

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: District Attorneys (DAs) act as the chief prosecuting officers for the state in each judicial circuit by representing the state in the trial and appeal of felony criminal cases in Superior Court for the circuit and in delinquency cases in juvenile courts.

Location: There is 1 District Attorney per judicial circuit, there are 49 judicial circuits across the state.

Delivery Mechanism: Each circuit has a DA who appoints 1 ADA plus one additional ADA per Superior Court Judge and 1 ADA to serve as special drug prosecutor. An investigator and 2 administrative assistants are also appointed. These are all statutorily state funded positions.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
State General Funds	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
FF Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D CFDA93.563	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642

24.1 Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for POST certified district attorney investigators.

State General Funds	\$377,148	\$377,148
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24.2 Increase funds for personnel to annualize 10 assistant district attorney positions to support juvenile courts across the state and maintain parity with juvenile public defenders.

State General Funds	\$242,955	\$242,955
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24.3 Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for assistant district attorneys.

State General Funds	\$3,165,447	\$3,165,447
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24.4 Increase funds to annualize an accountability court supplement for a district attorney in the newly established accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit per HB279 (2015 Session).

State General Funds	\$9,767	\$9,767
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24.5 Increase funds for personnel for 15 additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts, statewide.

State General Funds	\$1,497,928	\$0
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24.6	<i>Increase funds to annualize an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Clayton Judicial Circuit per HB804 (2016 Session).</i>		
	State General Funds	\$48,600	\$48,600
24.7	<i>Increase funds for personnel for one additional assistant district attorney to support an accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$99,862	\$99,862
24.8	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$1,124,872
24.9	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$232,355
24.10	<i>Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$204,079)
24.11	<i>Increase funds for an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$49,931

24.100 District Attorneys	Appropriation (HB 44)
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.</i>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$75,718,709 \$75,423,860
State General Funds	\$75,718,709 \$75,423,860
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640 \$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513 \$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513 \$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127 \$1,802,127
FF Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D CFDA93.563	\$1,802,127 \$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$77,740,349 \$77,445,500

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: PAC is composed of 9 members (6 DAs and 3 State Court Solicitors) who establish policies that guide the day to day work of the council staff. PAC is meant to assist DAs and State Court Solicitors. Council staff provides several services including training, professional development, continuing legal education opportunities, legal research assistance, professional responsibility guidance, legislation review and analysis, trial and appellate practice support, information technology management, human resources support, and fiscal services.

Target Population: District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors

Delivery Mechanism: Council staff provides several services including training, professional development, continuing legal education opportunities, legal research assistance, professional responsibility guidance, legislation review and analysis, trial and appellate practice support, information technology management, human resources support and fiscal services.

Noteworthy: The Solicitor General represents the state in the trial and appeal of misdemeanor (not more than 12 months in jail) criminal cases in state courts. 61 of the 159 counties in GA have an SG, in 21 of these the SG is a full-time official with staff etc. The SG in the other 40 counties the SG serves part time and also has a private law practice. In areas that do not have a state court and in Chatham, Dougherty, Miller and Rockdale counties, the DA is responsible for prosecuting misdemeanors.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
State General Funds	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762

25.1	<i>Increase funds for personnel for one prosecutor position dedicated to prosecute cases of at-risk adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$144,362	\$144,362
25.2	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$75,331

25.3	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$51,686
25.4	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$13,198
25.5	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$18,088

25.100 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council	Appropriation (HB 44)
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.</i>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,958,124 \$7,116,427
State General Funds	\$6,958,124 \$7,116,427
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,958,124 \$7,116,427

Section 9: Superior Courts

Council of Superior Court Judges

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Council of Superior Court Judges (CSCJ) provides centralized payroll, accounting, travel reimbursements, personnel management, budget management, legal support for court rules, jury instructions, and death penalty habeas cases, and logistics for judge training.

Delivery Mechanism: The CSCJ office has 11 staff that provide support to 205 superior court judges, 73 senior judges, 205 secretaries, and 61 law clerks or court administrators.

	Continuation Budget
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,510,297 \$1,510,297
State General Funds	\$1,510,297 \$1,510,297
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$60,000 \$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000 \$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000 \$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,570,297 \$1,570,297

26.1	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$27,896
26.2	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$3,425
26.3	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$1,539
26.4	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$1,913
26.5	<i>Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$3,840

26.100 Council of Superior Court Judges	Appropriation (HB 44)
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.</i>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,510,297 \$1,548,910
State General Funds	\$1,510,297 \$1,548,910
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$60,000 \$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000 \$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000 \$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,570,297 \$1,608,910

Judicial Administrative Districts

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: Georgia is divided into ten Judicial Administrative Districts (JADs) that each has one District Court Administrator (DCA) and one secretary who assist the superior court judges within their district.

Delivery Mechanism: The DCAs and their secretaries assist the 213 judges and 213 secretaries with daily issues, such as local budget presentations or grant submissions, equipment purchasing and IT support, training coordination, logistical management of jurors in high profile or death penalty cases, or serving as a liaison with other local courts in the district.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
State General Funds	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750
Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies	\$15,750	\$15,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789

27.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds	\$45,166
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27.2 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.

State General Funds	\$5,545
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27.3 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds	\$3,097
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27.100 Judicial Administrative Districts Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847
State General Funds	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750
Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies	\$15,750	\$15,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,686,789	\$2,740,597

Superior Court Judges

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Superior Court Judges program contains the salaries for the 213 superior court judges and the statutory court personnel. Funds within the program also make payments for unemployment insurance, emeritus retirement program, court reporter stipends, judge travel expenses, county reimbursement for habeas filing fees, usage fees for PeopleSoft accounting system and other payments to state agencies as required by law. Lastly, this program includes funding for Senior Judges, emergency equipment needs, and legal research software fees.

Fund Sources: The salaries for superior court judges are set in Georgia statute.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
State General Funds	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332

28.1 Increase funds for personnel for ten law clerk positions. (H:Increase funds for four law clerk positions)

State General Funds	\$672,193	\$268,877
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28.2 Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit. (H:Increase funds to provide one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date)

State General Funds	\$387,806	\$193,903
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28.3	<i>Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Clayton Circuit created by HB804 (2016 Session).</i>		
	State General Funds	\$185,253	\$185,253
28.4	<i>Increase funds to provide an accountability court supplement to Superior Court Judges in the Dublin, Tifton, and South Georgia circuits.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$63,115	\$63,115
28.5	<i>Increase funds for Senior Judge assistance for accountability court judges due to the growth in the number of accountability courts.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$417,439	\$417,439
28.6	<i>Eliminate funds for the initial equipment set-up of the Western Circuit judgeship created in HB279 (2015 Session).</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)
28.7	<i>Reduce funds to reflect the adjustment in the employer share in the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)
28.8	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$395,344
28.9	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$38,923
28.10	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$49,345
28.11	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$19,448

28.100 Superior Court Judges	Appropriation (HB 44)		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.</i>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800
State General Funds		\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS		\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800

Section 10: Supreme Court

Supreme Court of Georgia

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Supreme Court is the state's highest court and is responsible for reviewing decisions made by other courts in civil and criminal cases. The Supreme Court rules on questions involving the constitutionality of state statutes, all criminal cases involving a sentence of death, and petitions from decisions of the Court of Appeals.

Delivery Mechanism: Each case accepted for review by the Supreme Court is assigned to one of the seven justices for preparation of a preliminary opinion for circulation to all other justices. The justices review trial transcripts, case records and the accompanying legal briefs prepared by attorneys. An opinion is adopted or rejected by the Court after discussion by all the justices in conference.

Timing: Opinions are published an average of twice a month.

	Continuation Budget		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds		\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS		\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services		\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Bar Applicant Fitness Board Fees		\$1,150,376	\$1,150,376

Bar Exam Administration per OCGA15-19-2	\$709,447	\$709,447
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483
29.1 Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one information technology position. (H:Increase funds for one information technology position)		
State General Funds	\$118,310	\$118,310
29.2 Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one procurement and facilities coordinator position.		
State General Funds	\$75,428	\$0
29.3 Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one senior accountant position.		
State General Funds	\$122,374	\$0
29.4 Increase funds to annualize the implementation of HB927, the "Appellate Jurisdiction Reform Act of 2016" (2016 Session).		
State General Funds	\$1,735,520	\$667,292
29.5 Increase funds for a salary adjustment of the Georgia State Patrol trooper assigned to the Supreme Court.		
State General Funds	\$8,784	\$8,784
29.6 Eliminate funds for one-time funding for increased security costs in FY2017.		
State General Funds	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)
29.7 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.		
State General Funds		\$152,121
29.8 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.		
State General Funds		\$6,455
29.9 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.		
State General Funds		\$2,926
29.10 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.		
State General Funds		\$3,590
29.11 Increase funds for step increase to L4.		
State General Funds		\$60,668
29.12 Reduce funds to reflect actual mileage expenses.		
State General Funds		(\$28,000)

29.100 Supreme Court of Georgia Appropriation (HB 44)

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837
State General Funds	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Bar Applicant Fitness Board Fees	\$1,150,376	\$1,150,376
Bar Exam Administration per OCGA15-19-2	\$709,447	\$709,447
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,911,930	\$14,843,660

Section 33: Law, Department of Law, Department of

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Department of Law program includes all personnel and operations involved in the Attorney General meeting the Constitutional obligations as the attorney and legal advisor for Georgia. The Attorney General represents the State of Georgia in all capital

felony appeals before the Supreme Court of Georgia, in all civil cases before any court, and in all cases appearing before the Supreme Court of the United States. The Attorney General also prosecutes public corruption cases, conducts special investigations, and initiates civil or criminal actions on behalf of the State of Georgia.

Delivery Mechanism: The Department of Law is organized by five legal divisions (Regulated Industries and Professions, Commercial Transactions and Litigation, Criminal Justice Division, General Litigation Division, and Government Services and Employment Division) as well as an Operations Division to provide administrative support to all legal divisions. The Department also now houses the State's Consumer Protection Unit which protects consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in consumer transactions.

Fund Sources: The Department of Law collects revenue from DOAS insured billing, which makes up approximately 22 percent of the Department's funding.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
State General Funds	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$937,629	\$937,629
Sales and Services	\$769,940	\$769,940
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$268,940	\$268,940
Regulatory Fees	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
Legal Services - Client Reimbursable per OCGA45-15-4	\$34,350,000	\$34,350,000
Legal Services - Dept. of Administrative Services Cases	\$1,967,074	\$1,967,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400

221.1 *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$618,412	\$618,412
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221.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$22,776	\$22,776
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221.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)
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221.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,386	\$7,386
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221.5 *Increase funds for personnel for one paralegal/administrative position. (H:Increase funds for one paralegal/administrative position (\$65,166) and one attorney position in the Solicitor's General Office(\$97,694))*

State General Funds	\$65,166	\$162,860
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221.6 *Increase funds to continue a fellowship program to recruit top talent for the agency.*

State General Funds	\$293,000	\$0
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221.7 *Utilize existing funds of \$75,000 for the E-Discovery platform. (G:YES)(H:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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221.100 Law, Department of **Appropriation (HB 44)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850
State General Funds	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$937,629	\$937,629
Sales and Services	\$769,940	\$769,940
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$268,940	\$268,940
Regulatory Fees	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
Legal Services - Client Reimbursable per OCGA45-15-4	\$34,350,000	\$34,350,000
Legal Services - Dept. of Administrative Services Cases	\$1,967,074	\$1,967,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$67,952,859	\$67,757,553

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) program is responsible for investigation and prosecution of fraudulent or illegal acts in connection with any aspect of the provision of medical assistance or health care services funded through joint federal-state programs, or the recovery of federal and state health care funds gained through fraudulent, abusive or illegal acts by healthcare providers and others. This includes investigating complaints of abuse or neglect of patients in facilities that receive Medicaid funds.

Target Population: All providers, facilities, and patients that receive Medicaid funds.

Fund Sources: MFCU has a federal funds match that is 25/75. Currently, the federal funds are not being matched at the full amount with state funds, resulting in the program losing out on available federal dollars. The state is required to operate an effective MFCU in order to receive full federal participation in the funding of the Medicaid program.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
State General Funds	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
State Medicaid Fraud Control Units CFDA93.775	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512

222.1 *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,631	\$21,631
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222.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$797	\$797
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222.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)
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222.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$805	\$805
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222.100 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Appropriation (HB 44)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
State General Funds	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
State Medicaid Fraud Control Units CFDA93.775	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of \$500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Public Defender Council

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, and Central Office.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: Within the Georgia Capital Defender division (O.C.G.A. 17-12-12), this program is responsible for the direct and co-counsel representation, assistance, and resources in death penalty cases and appeals. This program also includes the Office of the Mental Health Advocate (O.C.G.A. 17-12-11), which provides services to attorneys representing criminal defendants with mental health challenges,

as well as direct representation for NGRI (not guilty by reason of insanity) and IST (incompetent to stand trial) cases. Lastly, the program includes the Central Office, which is the administrative support for the statewide public defender system.

Target Population: This program specifically focuses on those criminal defendants in need of a public defender who are involved in death penalty cases or who have mental health issues.

Fund Sources: The program receives funds from interest earned on the Clerks and Sheriffs Trust Accounts.

Noteworthy: The interest revenue from the Clerks and Sheriffs Trust Accounts used to support the Office of the Mental Health Advocate as well as the Central Office, but due to the decline in revenues since FY2009, it now supports only 1 employee in the Office of the Mental Health Advocate.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
State General Funds	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000
Clerk's and Sheriff's Trust Accounts	\$340,000	\$340,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059

236.1 *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$128,448	\$128,448
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236.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,731	\$4,731
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236.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,262	\$5,262
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236.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)
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236.5 *Increase funds to provide statutorily mandated training.*

State General Funds	\$341,573
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236.6 *Increase funds to provide one training director/conflict attorney supervisor position.*

State General Funds	\$113,976
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236.99 **House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

Governor: *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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236.100 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 44)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478
State General Funds	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000
Clerk's and Sheriff's Trust Accounts	\$340,000	\$340,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Collection/Administrative Fees	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,550,229	\$10,005,778

Public Defenders

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: This program includes the Circuit Offices (43 opt-in circuits and 6 opt-out circuits), the Appellate Division, and the Office of the Conflict Defender, which is responsible for assuring that legal representation is provided where a conflict of interest exists with the local public defender office.

Target Population: Indigent clients who are charged in criminal cases.

Location: There are 49 Circuit Public Defender Offices located on a local level across the state, as well as six regional conflict offices to help with conflict cases.

Delivery Mechanism: The staffing in each circuit office is based on statute. Each circuit has one public defender per superior court judge, one investigator per circuit, and two administrative assistants per circuit.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
State General Funds	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$75,894,568	\$75,894,568

237.1 *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$716,859	\$716,859
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237.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$26,401	\$26,401
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237.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$29,368	\$29,368
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237.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)
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237.5 *Increase funds for contracted attorneys to ensure geographical coverage and capacity for conflict cases.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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237.6 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for four newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia, Lookout Mountain, Oconee and Tifton per HB279 (2015 Session). (H:Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for two newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia and Tifton)*

State General Funds	\$39,099	\$19,536
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237.7 *Increase funds for phase one of a three-year project to electronically store case files at all circuit offices.*

State General Funds	\$1,200,000	\$0
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237.8 *Increase funds to align the salary scale for public defenders with prosecuting attorneys.*

State General Funds	\$974,338
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237.9 *Increase funds for an additional assistant public defender position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.*

State General Funds	\$37,982
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237.10 *Increase funds for 10 additional juvenile public defenders.*

State General Funds	\$782,564
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237.11 *Increase funds to annualize 15 juvenile public defenders.*

State General Funds	\$307,546
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237.12 *Increase funds to annualize one Clayton Judicial Circuit assistant public defender position.*

State General Funds	\$41,006
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237.100 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 44)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075
State General Funds	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$80,899,202	\$81,823,075
