

## 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.

Performance Measures:	Program Overview			
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Appellate Filings	3,112	3,017	3,038	3,428
Cases Disposed	3,293	3,067	3,179	3,255
Revenue from Appellate Court Fees	\$415,283.69	\$413,647.22	\$394,829.85	\$476,254.52
Average caseload per judge for cases filed	207	201	203	229
Average caseload per judge for cases disposed	220	204	212	217

**Summary of Activities:** The Court of Appeals is the state’s intermediate appellate court and is responsible for reviewing decisions made by lower courts in all civil and criminal cases except those involving the constitutionality of state statutes or criminal cases in which a sentence of death could be imposed. The fifteen judges on the Court are divided into five panels of three judges each.

**Timing:** The Court issues orders and opinions daily. It has three terms per year, and every case is decided by the end of the term following the term to which the case is docketed.

**Noteworthy:** The Court of Appeals began conducting its business from the Nathan Deal Judicial Center on December 20, 2019.

	Continuation Budget	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$22,304,557	\$22,304,557
State General Funds	\$22,304,557	\$22,304,557
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	\$22,454,557	\$22,454,557

<b>14.1</b>	<i>Increase funds for cyber security insurance. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for cyber security insurance and reevaluate the required funding following the implementation of a Judicial Branch cyber security insurance policy)</i>		
	State General Funds	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>14.2</b>	<i>Increase funds for the Cyber Security Operations Center. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Cyber Security Operations Center and reevaluate the required funding following the implementation of a Judicial Branch cyber security insurance policy)</i>		
	State General Funds	\$55,000	\$55,000
<b>14.3</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for one system analyst position. (H:Increase funds for one IT system analyst position)</i>		
	State General Funds	\$122,221	\$122,221
<b>14.4</b>	<i>Increase funds for the Court of Appeals' portion of a shared human resources manager position.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$56,444	\$0
<b>14.5</b>	<i>Increase funds for the Court of Appeals' portion of a shared payroll coordinator position.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$37,630	\$0
<b>14.6</b>	<i>Increase funds to continue development of case management system. (H:Increase funds for one-time funding to continue development of case management system)</i>		
	State General Funds	\$148,200	\$148,200
<b>14.7</b>	<i>Increase funds for additional software maintenance costs.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$9,300	\$9,300
<b>14.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for additional rent to relocate to new Judicial Building.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$232,092	\$232,092
<b>14.9</b>	<i>Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$2,085)
<b>14.10</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives and a salary adjustment for judges, effective July 1, 2020.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$394,909

### 14.100 Court of Appeals Appropriation (HB 793)

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.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,040,444	\$23,339,194
State General Funds	\$23,040,444	\$23,339,194
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	\$23,190,444	\$23,489,194

**Georgia State-wide Business Court**

**Program Overview**

**Summary of Activities:** The Georgia State-wide Business Court was established to provide an outlet for complex business related litigation to both accelerate the outcome of those cases as well as relieve the burden of hearing those cases from Superior Court Judges. A list of some of the types of cases that will fall under the jurisdiction of the State-wide Business Court include: cases involving the Georgia Trade Secrets Act of 1990, the Georgia Arbitration Code, and the Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008. Cases will only be accepted when the amount of damages in controversy is \$1 million involving commercial real property, and \$500,000 for cases not involving commercial real property. The Court will have a \$3,000 filing fee that will be remitted to Treasury.

**Location:** HB239 (2019 Session) states that the Georgia State-wide Business Court shall sit at the seat of government in Atlanta or shall sit in Macon-Bibb County.

**Noteworthy:** HR993 (2018 Session) amended the Constitution to create the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and HB239 (2019 Session), provided the enabling legislation. The first Judge was appointed on August 1, 2019 and the Court will begin accepting cases on August 1, 2020.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0

**15.1 Increase funds to establish the State-wide Business Court.**

State General Funds	\$1,318,363	\$1,245,296
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**15.2 Increase funds for annual operations for new State-wide Business Court.**

State General Funds	\$307,514	\$307,514
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**15.99 House:** The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

**Governor:** The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**15.100 Georgia State-wide Business Court**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,625,877	\$1,552,810
State General Funds	\$1,625,877	\$1,552,810
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,625,877	\$1,552,810

**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, veterans courts, and family dependency treatment courts. This appropriation covers the Accountability Courts Committee support staff within the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The Council's certification positions are housed within AOC.

**Noteworthy:** As of FY2013, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is the fiscal agent for the administering of funds to Accountability Courts. Another piece of the Council's staff is attached to CJCC (CJCC: Council of Accountability Court Judges) which falls under the supervision of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$742,070	\$742,070
State General Funds	\$742,070	\$742,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$742,070	\$742,070

**16.1** Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.

State General Funds	(\$140)
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**16.2** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds	\$7,935
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**16.100 Council of Accountability Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$742,070	\$749,865
State General Funds	\$742,070	\$749,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$742,070	\$749,865

**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.

**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. An increase in agency revenue was recognized in the FY2019 Budget for the first time since FY2012.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$354,203	\$354,203
Sales and Services	\$354,203	\$354,203
Training Fees	\$354,203	\$354,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$354,203	\$354,203

**17.100 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$354,203	\$354,203
Sales and Services	\$354,203	\$354,203
Training Fees	\$354,203	\$354,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$354,203	\$354,203

**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.

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$609,943	\$609,943
State General Funds	\$609,943	\$609,943
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$953,203	\$953,203
Sales and Services	\$953,203	\$953,203
Training Fees	\$953,203	\$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,563,146	\$1,563,146

**18.1**    *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.*

State General Funds	\$12,973
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**18.100 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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	\$609,943	\$622,916
State General Funds	\$609,943	\$622,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$953,203	\$953,203
Sales and Services	\$953,203	\$953,203
Training Fees	\$953,203	\$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,563,146	\$1,576,119

**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 26-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 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, the Law School Consortium, and the Standing Committee on Technology.

**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.

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,592,081	\$13,592,081
State General Funds	\$13,592,081	\$13,592,081
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	\$879,905	\$879,905
Drug Courts Conference Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000
Probate Court Judges Fees	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$500,000	\$500,000
State Funds Transfers	\$500,000	\$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$500,000	\$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$16,608,353	\$16,608,353

**19.1**    *Increase funds for grants for legal services for Kinship Care Families.*

State General Funds	\$375,000	\$125,000
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<b>19.2</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for one business analyst position. (H:YES; Utilize existing funds for one caseload analyst position)</i>		
	State General Funds	\$87,145	\$0
<b>19.3</b>	<i>Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$2,311)
<b>19.4</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$115,940

<b>19.100 Judicial Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 793)</b>
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*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,054,226	\$13,830,710
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,054,226	\$13,830,710
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Child Support Enforcement Research CFDA93.564</b>	\$37,329	\$37,329
<b>Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D CFDA93.563</b>	\$749,055	\$749,055
<b>Crime Victim Assistance CFDA16.575</b>	\$67,118	\$67,118
<b>State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586</b>	\$773,865	\$773,865
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Collection/Administrative Fees</b>	\$879,905	\$879,905
<b>Drug Courts Conference Fees</b>	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Probate Court Judges Fees</b>	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$17,070,498	\$16,846,982

**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.

**Continuation Budget**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$826,943	\$826,943
State General Funds	\$826,943	\$826,943
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$826,943	\$826,943

<b>20.1</b>	<i>Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.</i>		
	State General Funds		(\$46)
<b>20.2</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$10,337
<b>20.3</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for two staff attorney positions.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$165,860
<b>20.4</b>	<i>Increase funds for contracts for investigations.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$35,946
<b>20.5</b>	<i>Increase funds for rent.</i>		
	State General Funds		\$15,000

20.6 Increase funds for operations.

State General Funds

\$6,185

**20.100 Judicial Qualifications Commission**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

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.

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$826,943	\$1,060,225
State General Funds	\$826,943	\$1,060,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$826,943	\$1,060,225

**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. The Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit law office which receives the funding in 12 equal installments in the form of a grant.

**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

**21.100 Resource Center**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

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.

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$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.

**Noteworthy:** The Council of Juvenile Court Judges also now receives state funds to operate the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) which was formerly completely funded through grants.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,035,828	\$2,035,828
State General Funds	\$2,035,828	\$2,035,828
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	\$2,103,314	\$2,103,314

22.1 Increase funds for a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative statewide coordinator position.

State General Funds

\$122,600

\$0

22.2 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds

\$29,485

**22.100 Council of Juvenile Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,158,428	\$2,065,313
State General Funds	\$2,158,428	\$2,065,313
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486
Grants from Sponsoring Entities	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,225,914	\$2,132,799

**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. The actual salaries for each full-time or part-time Juvenile Court Judge are set by the Superior Court with the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county or counties for which the Judge is appointed. The grant amounts are set in statute and are based on the amount of Superior Court Judges per Circuit (O.C.G.A. 15-11-52). Grant funds are awarded to the county on a quarterly basis. All grant funds are required to be spent solely on salaries for Juvenile Court Judges and shall not be used for any other purposes per the statute.

**Location:** There is a juvenile court in each of the state's 159 counties. There are 156 judges (funding is for full and part time juvenile judges only).

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,974,220	\$6,974,220
State General Funds	\$6,974,220	\$6,974,220
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,974,220	\$6,974,220

**23.1**    *Increase funds for accountability court salary supplements for juvenile court judges to reflect appropriate compensation rates.*

State General Funds	\$214,000	\$214,000
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**23.2**    *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 9.13% to 8.38%.*

State General Funds	(\$58,674)
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**23.100 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

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

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,188,220	\$7,129,546
State General Funds	\$7,188,220	\$7,129,546
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,188,220	\$7,129,546

**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.

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580

**24.100 Council of Superior Court Clerks** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.

**Noteworthy:** In FY2020 a salary increase was approved for assistant district attorneys (average of 4.7% per ADA) aimed at moving the ADAs to a new pay scale with a higher base starting pay and more logical career progression than the old scale as well as address some of the compression issues for attorneys in the lower and middle parts of the pay scale. The total appropriation for the salary increase in FY20 was \$1,902,859.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$77,226,694	\$77,226,694
State General Funds	\$77,226,694	\$77,226,694
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	\$79,248,334	\$79,248,334

**25.1** Increase funds to provide for recruitment and retention for assistant district attorneys.

State General Funds	\$2,057,071	\$1,028,536
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**25.2** Increase funds for 12 additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts in the following Judicial Circuits: Appalachian, Atlanta, Bell-Forsyth, Chattahoochee, Cherokee, Douglas, Eastern, Griffin, Gwinnett, Northern, Pataula, and Rockdale. (H:Increase funds for six additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts in the following Judicial Circuits: Appalachian, Chattahoochee, Douglas, Eastern, Northern, and Pataula)

State General Funds	\$1,226,045	\$613,023
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**25.3** Increase funds to annualize support costs for new judgeships in the Griffin and Gwinnett Judicial Circuits, effective January 1, 2020.

State General Funds	\$99,862	\$99,862
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**25.4** Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 21.14% to 19.06%.

State General Funds		(\$3,355)
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**25.5** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives and a salary adjustment for District Attorneys, effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds		\$1,451,076
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**25.6** Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.

State General Funds		\$51,085
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**25.7** Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Flint Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.

State General Funds		\$51,085
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**25.8** Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Cobb Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.

State General Funds		\$51,085
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**25.100 District Attorneys**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

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.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$80,609,672	\$80,569,091
State General Funds	\$80,609,672	\$80,569,091



<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$82,631,312	\$82,590,731

**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.

**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	\$7,374,543	\$7,374,543
State General Funds	\$7,374,543	\$7,374,543
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,374,543	\$7,374,543

**26.1** Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.

State General Funds		(\$124)
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**26.2** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds		\$86,025
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**26.100 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

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

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,543	\$7,460,444
State General Funds	\$7,374,543	\$7,460,444
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,543	\$7,460,444

**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.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,622,928	\$1,622,928
State General Funds	\$1,622,928	\$1,622,928
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$120,000	\$120,000
Sales and Services	\$120,000	\$120,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$120,000	\$120,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,742,928	\$1,742,928

**27.1** Increase funds for personnel for one systems engineer position.

State General Funds	\$121,413	\$121,413
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**27.2** Increase funds for additional security software and software licensing.

State General Funds	\$24,220	\$24,220
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**27.3** Increase funds to conduct security audits.

State General Funds	\$10,000	\$10,000
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**27.4** Increase funds to conduct training for information technology and security personnel.

State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000
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**27.5** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds		\$28,579
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**27.100 Council of Superior Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,783,561	\$1,812,140
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,783,561	\$1,812,140
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,903,561	\$1,932,140

**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.

**Continuation Budget**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,993,301	\$2,993,301
State General Funds	\$2,993,301	\$2,993,301
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,170	\$17,170
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$17,170	\$17,170
Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies	\$17,170	\$17,170
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,010,471	\$3,010,471

**28.1** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds		\$49,829
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**28.100 Judicial Administrative Districts** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,993,301	\$3,043,130
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,993,301	\$3,043,130
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,170	\$17,170
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$17,170	\$17,170
<b>Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies</b>	\$17,170	\$17,170
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,010,471	\$3,060,300

**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 216 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.

**Noteworthy:** The salaries for superior court judges are set in Georgia statute. The current statutory salary is \$126,265, and Judges who work in a circuit which operates an accountability court also receives an additional \$6,000 yearly supplement to their State salary. Counties can also supplement a Judge's salary with their own funds.

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$71,293,305	\$71,293,305
State General Funds	\$71,293,305	\$71,293,305
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$71,293,305	\$71,293,305
<b>29.1</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 9.13% to 8.38%.</i>	
State General Funds	(\$218,360)	(\$218,360)
<b>29.2</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize the cost of one new judgeship in the Griffin Circuit created in accordance with HB28 (2019 Session).</i>	
State General Funds	\$196,830	\$196,830
<b>29.3</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize the cost of one new judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit created in accordance with HB21 (2019 Session).</i>	
State General Funds	\$196,830	\$196,830
<b>29.4</b>	<i>Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Ogeechee Circuit effective on July 1, 2020. (H:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Ogeechee Circuit effective on January 1, 2021)</i>	
State General Funds	\$400,208	\$200,104
<b>29.5</b>	<i>Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Flint Circuit effective on July 1, 2020. (H:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Flint Circuit effective on January 1, 2021)</i>	
State General Funds	\$400,208	\$200,104
<b>29.6</b>	<i>Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Cobb Circuit effective on July 1, 2020. (H:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Cobb Circuit effective on January 1, 2021)</i>	
State General Funds	\$400,208	\$200,104
<b>29.7</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for 10 law clerk positions. (H:Increase funds for five staff attorney positions)</i>	
State General Funds	\$694,920	\$347,460
<b>29.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for security protection software.</i>	
State General Funds	\$13,060	\$13,060
<b>29.9</b>	<i>Increase funds for information technology security awareness training.</i>	
State General Funds	\$14,256	\$14,256
<b>29.10</b>	<i>Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.</i>	
State General Funds		(\$232)
<b>29.11</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives and a salary adjustment for judges, effective July 1, 2020.</i>	
State General Funds		\$1,306,003

**29.100 Superior Court Judges**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$73,391,465	\$73,749,464
State General Funds	\$73,391,465	\$73,749,464
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$73,391,465	\$73,749,464

**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**

Performance Measures:	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Appellate filings	2129	2002	1598	1628
Revenue from Appellate Court fees	\$223,199.62	\$205,145.62	\$169,687.20	\$157,473.92
Average Caseload per Justice for cases filed	2129	2002	1598	1628

**Summary of Activities:** The Supreme Court is the State’s highest court and is responsible for reviewing decisions made by all other state courts in both civil and criminal cases. In order to establish and maintain a coherent and consistent body of authoritative decisional law for the benefit of the bench, the bar, and the public, the Supreme Court conducts monthly oral argument sessions and issues rulings by published opinions on complex questions involving the constitutionality of state statutes, all criminal appeals in capital cases, all equity and extraordinary remedies cases involving death sentences, all habeas corpus cases, and petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals. A constitutional limitation requires the Supreme Court to decide appeals within two court terms. In addition to opinions, the Supreme Court issues final orders on hundreds of petitions for review filed each year. The Supreme Court also bears administrative and regulatory responsibilities including regulating admission to the bar, establishing the uniform rules of practice and procedure for all classes of courts, regulating the practice of law, and chairing the Judicial Council.

**Timing:** Opinions deciding appeals are published an average of twice per month. Orders on petitions for review and on other matters are issued on a daily basis.

**Noteworthy:** The Supreme Court began conducting their business from the Nathan Deal Judicial Center on December 10, 2019.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,985,899	\$14,985,899
State General Funds	\$14,985,899	\$14,985,899
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	\$16,845,722	\$16,845,722

**30.1 Increase funds to annualize leases for nine copiers in the Nathan Deal Judicial Center.**

State General Funds	\$36,420	\$36,420
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**30.2 Increase funds for Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) services.**

State General Funds	\$9,250	\$9,250
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**30.3 Increase funds for web application firewalls.**

State General Funds	\$10,230	\$10,230
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**30.4 Increase funds for research fees.**

State General Funds	\$6,000	\$6,000
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**30.5 Increase funds for per diem and mileage for an additional judge who resides 50 miles or more from Atlanta in accordance with HB5 (2017 Session).**

State General Funds	\$10,591	\$10,591
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**30.6 Increase funds for personnel for one cyber and network security analyst position.**

State General Funds	\$95,698	\$95,698
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**30.7 Increase funds for the Supreme Court's portion of one shared human resources manager position.**

State General Funds	\$56,444	\$0
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**30.8 Increase funds for the Supreme Court's portion of one shared payroll coordinator position.**

State General Funds	\$37,630	\$0
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**30.9 Increase funds for additional rent due to relocation to the new Nathan Deal Judicial Center.**

State General Funds	\$118,751	\$118,751
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**30.10 Increase funds for population based membership dues for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).**

State General Funds	\$6,568	\$6,568
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**30.11 Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.**

State General Funds		(\$3,775)
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**30.12 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives and a salary adjustment for justices, effective July 1, 2020.**

State General Funds		\$260,366
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**30.100 Supreme Court of Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 793)**

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.

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,373,481	\$15,535,998
State General Funds	\$15,373,481	\$15,535,998
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$17,233,304	\$17,395,821

### 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.

Performance Measures:	Program Overview			
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Department turnover rate	14.59%	11.19%	8.99%	11.33%
Percentage of payments made by check	47.53%	36.87%	24.44%	21.47%
Number of complaints and inquiries received and responded to by the Consumer Protection Unit	16,260	16,073	18,143	21,381

**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.

**Fund Sources:** The Department of Law collects revenue from DOAS insured billing, as well as reimbursements from clients for the hiring of outside counsel, also known as Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs).

	Continuation Budget	
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,853,589	\$31,853,589
State General Funds	\$31,853,589	\$31,853,589
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940
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
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,940,603	\$68,940,603

<b>225.1</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 21.14% to 19.06%.</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$1,435)	(\$1,435)
<b>225.2</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to cyber security insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services.</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$3,091)	(\$3,091)
<b>225.3</b>	<i>Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$9,077)	(\$9,077)
<b>225.4</b>	<i>Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$43,770	\$0
<b>225.5</b>	<i>Reduce funds by freezing vacant positions. (H: Maintain funding for five attorneys and eight support staff and reduce funds to reflect the Governor's intent to eliminate vacant positions)</i>		
	State General Funds	(\$1,993,822)	(\$776,276)
<b>225.6</b>	<i>Transfer funds from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Department of Law for legal services to support election security.</i>		
	State General Funds	\$194,237	\$194,237

**225.7** Increase funds for personnel for one attorney in the human trafficking unit.

State General Funds \$194,237 \$194,237

**225.8** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds \$639,745

**225.100 Law, Department of** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,278,408	\$32,091,929
State General Funds	\$30,278,408	\$32,091,929
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940
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
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,365,422	\$69,178,943

**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**

Performance Measures:	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Number of cases opened	240	199	159	187
Percentage of cases resolved within one year	45.00%	24.00%	29.00%	25.00%
Number of investigations concluded	214	168	148	140
Dollar value of recovery	\$38,732,318.00	\$317,974,744.00	\$26,542,783.00	\$11,368,482.00
Average collections per auditor	\$5,533,188.00	\$39,746,843.00	\$3,317,848.00	\$1,624,069.00

**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.

**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**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,376,775	\$1,376,775
State General Funds	\$1,376,775	\$1,376,775
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
State Medicaid Fraud Control Units CFDA93.775	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,976,876	\$4,976,876

**226.1** Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.

State General Funds (\$380) (\$380)

**226.2** Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.

State General Funds \$2,918 \$0

**226.3** Increase funds for two investigators.

State General Funds \$42,091 \$42,091

**226.4** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds \$21,889

**226.100 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit** **Appropriation (HB 793)**

*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.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,421,404	\$1,440,375
State General Funds	\$1,421,404	\$1,440,375
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
State Medicaid Fraud Control Units CFDA93.775	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,021,505	\$5,040,476

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, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

<b>Performance Measures:</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
Capital cases per attorney	5	6	6	6
Mental health cases per attorney	96	65	69	68
Percentage of clients contacted at least once per month	86.40%	88.80%	86.80%	92.60%

**Summary of Activities:** This program provides funding for administrative components of the Georgia Public Defender Council, which is responsible for assuring that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political consideration or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation. The Central Office provides the direct administrative support for the system, along with the administration of the State-Level Services division and agency training programs. In addition, this program includes two client representation components. The first component is the Georgia Capital Defender division (O.C.G.A. 17-12-12), which is responsible for the direct and co-counsel representation, assistance, and resources in death penalty cases and appeals. The second component is 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.

	<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,419,369	\$8,419,369
State General Funds	\$8,419,369	\$8,419,369
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,327,669	\$10,327,669

**241.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to cyber security insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services.*

State General Funds	(\$6,663)	(\$6,663)
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**241.2** *Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.*

State General Funds	\$1,018	\$0
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**241.3** *Reduce funds by freezing positions vacant since January 1, 2019. (H:Reduce funds to reflect the Governor's intent to eliminate three vacant positions)*

State General Funds	(\$242,441)	(\$242,441)
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**241.4** *Reduce funds by reducing the number of mobile phones and hotspots.*

State General Funds	(\$10,585)	(\$10,585)
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**241.5** *Reduce funds by eliminating one vacant secretary position. (H:Reduce funds to reflect the Governor's intent to eliminate one vacant administrative assistant)*

State General Funds	(\$42,322)	(\$49,211)
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**241.6** Reduce funds by reducing training expenses.

State General Funds (\$195,465) \$0

**241.7** Reduce funds by reducing purchase card expenses.

State General Funds (\$1,949) \$0

**241.8** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds \$136,590

**241.100 Public Defender Council Appropriation (HB 793)**

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.

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,920,962	\$8,247,059
State General Funds	\$7,920,962	\$8,247,059
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300
State Court Improvement Program CFDA93.586	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,829,262	\$10,155,359

**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 circuits within the Council and 6 alternative delivery circuits) and the State-Level Services Division.

**Location:** There is a Circuit Public Defender Office for each Judicial Circuit across the State and divisions that provide representation when there is a conflict of interest in circuit offices. The Bell-Forsyth, Blue Ridge, Cobb, Douglas, Gwinnett and Houston Circuits maintain alternative delivery systems apart from the Statewide system.

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$52,232,382	\$52,232,382
State General Funds	\$52,232,382	\$52,232,382
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$83,732,382	\$83,732,382

**242.1** Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.

State General Funds (\$1,157) (\$1,157)

**242.2** Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.

State General Funds \$138,501 \$0

**242.3** Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in contract rates.

State General Funds (\$360,000) \$0

**242.4** Reduce funds by freezing positions vacant since January 1, 2019.

State General Funds (\$2,167,878) \$0

**242.5** Reduce funds by identifying savings in operations.

State General Funds (\$618,465) (\$618,465)

**242.6** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2020.

State General Funds \$1,333,682

**242.7** Increase funds to align the salary scale for public defenders with prosecuting attorneys.

State General Funds \$514,267



<b>242.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for six additional assistant public defenders to support Juvenile Courts in the following Judicial Circuits: Appalachian, Chattahoochee, Douglas, Eastern, Northern, and Pataula.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$485,292
<b>242.9</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize an assistant public defender position for the judgeship in the Griffin Judicial Circuit.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$40,441
<b>242.10</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize an assistant public defender position for the judgeship in the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$25,000
<b>242.11</b>	<i>Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$40,441
<b>242.12</b>	<i>Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Flint Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$40,441
<b>242.13</b>	<i>Increase funds for costs associated with one additional judgeship in the Cobb Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2021.</i>	
	State General Funds	\$40,441

<b>242.100 Public Defenders</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 793)</b>
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<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$49,223,383	\$54,132,765
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$49,223,383	\$54,132,765
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Authority/Local Government Payments to State Agencies</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$80,723,383	\$85,632,765